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RELIEF FOR SPICEJET OVER REFUND TO SUN GROUP'S KALANITHI MARAN

Delhi HC on Friday set aside a single bench order that upheld an arbitral award asking SpiceJet to refund ₹270 cr to its ex-promoter

DISPUTE DATES BACK TO JANUARY 2015

The dispute between Maran and SpiceJet dates back to January 2015 when Ajay Singh, who used to own SpiceJet before Maran, bought it back from him. Maran reportedly transferred his 58.46% stake to Singh in return for redeemable warrants, which were allegedly not issued to him. Maran then approached Delhi HC for payout, which referred the matter to arbitration

TRIBUNAL HAD SET 18% INTEREST TO BE PAID

- The arbitral tribunal gave its order in July 2018 and ordered SpiceJet to refund ₹270 crore to Maran. The tribunal also asked the airline to pay interest of 12% per annum on the amounts paid towards warrants and 18% per annum on the sums awarded to Maran if the money is not paid on time
- SpiceJet then moved the Delhi HC to challenge the arbitral order | P13

5.46%

SPICEJET STOCK CLOSED AT ₹63 A SHARE ON BSE ON FRIDAY, UP FROM THURSDAY'S ₹59.74

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi greets his mother Sonia Gandhi during a public meeting in Rae Bareli on Friday, as his sister Priyanka looks on | PTI

Sonia hands Rae Bareli fight to son

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

STRIKING an emotional chord with the voters in Rae Bareli, Congress leader Sonia Gandhi said on Friday that she is handing over her son to the people of Rae Bareli with the promise that her son won't disappoint them.

Addressing a joint election rally at the meeting at ITI ground in Rae Bareli, the former Congress chief asked the people to consider her son as their own.

"Rahul will not disappoint you," said Sonia, flanked by her son Rahul and daughter Priyanka on the stage. "Everything I have is given by you. So, brothers and sisters, I am giving you my son. Consider him yours," she said.

Sonia said she has taught her children the values that she learnt from her mother-in-law and former PM late Indira Gandhi and the people of Rae Bareli: To respect all, protect the weak, fight against injustice for the rights of people. "Don't be afraid, because your roots of struggle and traditions are very deep," she added.

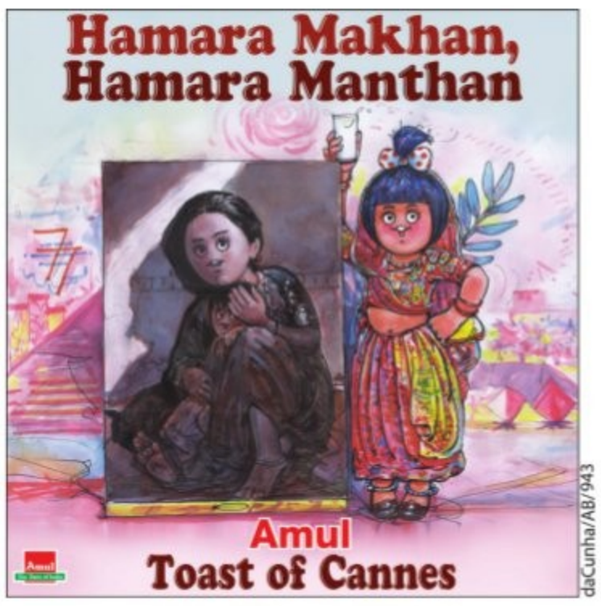
Sonia said the Gandhi family roots are deeply connected to Rae Bareli. "This relationship is as sacred as Mother Ganga is with the farmers of Awadh and Rae Bareli. It started with a movement and continues till today," she said.

Sonia said Indira Gandhi, who was an MP from Rae Bareli, had a special place for the constituency in her heart. "I saw her closely while working. She had immense affection for you," she said.

Sonia was first elected as an MP from Rae Bareli in 2004 and represented the seat till she vacated it early this year after getting elected as a Rajya Sabha member.

AMETHI PITCH

Rahul Gandhi said if he wins, he would treat Amethi and Rae Bareli equally on development. "If ₹10 is spent in Rae Bareli, it would be the same for Amethi too," he said



Supplementary ED chargesheet names Kejri, AAP

Eighth chargesheet in the money laundering case linked to the excise policy scam so far

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

THE Enforcement Directorate on Friday filed a supplementary chargesheet in the money laundering case linked to the Delhi excise policy scam in which it named Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his Aam Aadmi Party as accused.

The chargesheet was filed before a special court here under various provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Special Judge Kaveri Baweja is likely to take it up for cognisance in the coming days.

This is the eighth chargesheet filed by the probe agency in the case in which it has arrested 18 people so far. Last week, a similar complaint was filed by the ED against BRS leader and former Telangana chief minister Chandrashekar Rao's daughter K Kavitha and four others.

On Tuesday, the ED had informed the Delhi High Court that it will name the AAP as an accused in the case. ED's lawyer had said there were concerted efforts by the accused to delay the process of framing of charges in the case.

Even before the Supreme Court, the ED had said it was contemplating to make AAP an accused and invoke Section 70 of the PMLA to probe the aspect of "vicarious liability".

Last month, the Delhi High Court had suggested while hearing the case that a political party could be brought within the purview of the PMLA. It said a political party means "an association" or "a body of individuals", which falls within the ambit of Section 70 of the PMLA. Subsequently, the ED had likened the AAP to a company and Kejriwal its director.

The federal agency had arrested Kejriwal, 55, also the AAP's national convenor, from his official residence here on March 21. He is currently out of jail on interim bail.

The ED had labelled Kejriwal as the "kingpin and key conspirator" of the Delhi excise scam. It alleged that he acted in collusion with his ministerial colleagues, party leaders and other persons.

The case pertains to alleged corruption and money laundering in formulating and executing the Delhi government's excise policy for 2021-22, which was later scrapped.

Accused in 2 capacities

Arvind Kejriwal has been made an accused in the case in his personal capacity as well as the national convenor of his Aam Aadmi Party under various sections of the PMLA

DKS offered me ₹100 cr to name HDK as mastermind: Devaraje

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hassan

GIVING a new twist to the Hassan sex scandal case, BJP leader and advocate Devaraje Gowda on Friday alleged that DCM DK Shivakumar had offered him Rs 100 crore to accuse former CM and JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy of masterminding circulation of pen drives allegedly containing obscene videos of Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna.

Disclosing this to reporters on the district court premises here before the local police handed him over to SIT sleuths, Gowda alleged that the plan was to defame Kumaraswamy and end his political career. "Shivakumar forced me to target Kumaraswamy as the mastermind behind the distribution of pen drives. Shivakumar threatened me that you will be safe only if you target Kumaraswamy in the pen drive case," he alleged.

Devaraje Gowda talks to the media from a police van in Hassan on Friday

Gowda said Shivakumar allegedly formed a ministers' committee comprising Chaluvarayaswamy, Krishna Byre Gowda and Priyank Kharge to deal with the issue. Shivakumar also hatched a conspiracy to tarnish the image of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the NDA government by linking Prajwal to the sex scandal. "When I refused to obey his directions, the DCM sent former Congress MLC MA Gopalaswamy to a private club where I stayed to give me Rs 5 crore," Gowda alleged.

Former MLA LR Shivarame Gowda also became a mediator between him and Shivakumar, he alleged and added that he has an audio conversation of Shivakumar targeting Kumaraswamy and Modi. "I will release it at an appropriate time," he claimed. P4

RAIN BIGGEST CHALLENGE FOR RCB

A resurgent Royal Challengers Bengaluru will face five-time champions Chennai Super Kings in a do-or-die match that will decide the fourth and final team for the IPL playoffs in Bengaluru's M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Saturday. RCB's fight will not just be with the Men in Yellow, but also with the Rain Gods as showers are forecast for Bengaluru on Saturday. RCB will need to win by at least 18 runs or chase the target with 11 balls to spare. A washout would mean CSK will sail to the playoffs.

Orange alert as heavy rain forecast for 3 days in K'taka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

INDIA Meteorological Department, Bengaluru, on Friday issued an orange alert, forecasting heavy to very heavy rain in parts of coastal and south-interior Karnataka from May 19 to 21. These places may see a dip in maximum temperature by 3 degrees Celsius.

"Karnataka did not receive any rain from December 2023 to this April. However, Karnataka is expected to experience good rain in the next five days," CS Patil, scientist and director, IMD, Bengaluru, said. He said light to moderate rain is expected across the state in the next five days. Orange and yellow alerts have been issued for Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, Kodagu, Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and coastal districts of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi. These districts are expected to receive 7 cm rain accompanied by thunder, lightning and strong surface winds ranging from 40 to 50 km per hour till May 21.

IMD said more than 75% of southern and coastal Karnataka, and 25-50% of north interior Karnataka will receive rain. The maximum expected temperature will go down by 2 to 3 degrees Celsius in the coming days. Bidar, Kalaburagi, Raichur, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, and Yadgir districts will be unaffected by rain.

ESCAPE BID

Hubballi murder accused stabs woman, jumps off train, near D'gere, caught

G SUBHASH CHANDRA @ Davanagere

PERSONNEL of the Government Railway Police (GRP) caught Girish Sawant alias Vishwa, accused in the Hubballi Anjali Ambiger murder case, near Mayakonda in Davanagere district on Thursday night.

Girish, who had fled Hubballi to Mysuru after allegedly murdering Anjali, boarded the Vishwamanava Express train to Hubballi from Arsikere Junction. An eyewitness said Girish, who was travelling in the general compartment, fought with other passengers over a petty issue. Based on the passengers' complaint, he was questioned by the GRP personnel at Chikkajajur Junction. After he pleaded innocence, the GRP personnel let him go.

However, when the train reached Hanumanahalli, Girish followed Lakshmi, a passenger, to the washroom and demanded that she give him the gold chain she was wearing. When Lakshmi refused and screamed for help, Girish stabbed her, causing a deep injury on her left hand.

Meanwhile, hearing her screams, some passengers rushed to the spot and thrashed Girish, who jumped off the moving train. The GRP personnel, who received this information, caught Girish who was lying injured near the railway tracks at Mayakonda. They admitted him to the Chigateri district hospital, where he revealed his identity. The GRP personnel immediately alerted the Hubballi police, who were after Girish.

The Hubballi police arrived in Davanagere around 11 pm and took Girish into their custody and shifted him to the KIMS Hospital in Hubballi.

Lakshmi from Gadag, who was admitted to the Chigateri district hospital, was shifted to the SSIMS Hospital, where she underwent a minor surgery on Friday.

According to Lakshmi's husband, they were returning home from Tumakuru after visiting the school run by Siddaganga Mutt, seeking admission for their son, when the incident occurred.

He said the GRP personnel helped him shift Lakshmi to the Chigateri district hospital. After the surgery at the SSIMS Hospital, Lakshmi is doing fine, he added. P3

A senior police officer checks on an injured Girish Sawant in Davanagere on Friday

City-bound AI plane returns to Delhi after fire warning

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

A Delhi-Bengaluru Air India flight, carrying 175 people, returned to the national capital on Friday evening after a fire warning from its auxiliary power unit.

After the situation became apparent, a full emergency was declared at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport around 5:52 pm for the Air India flight AI807. The flight landed back safely at IGI Airport around 6.40 pm. "Air India flight AI807 flying Delhi to Bengaluru air returned to Delhi this evening after a fire warning from its auxiliary power unit. After the pilots exercised necessary protocols, the aircraft made an uneventful landing and all passengers and crew deplaned at the aerobridge safely," said an Air India spokesperson. P5

SC seeks EC's response on booth-wise turnout data

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday sought the Election Commission of India's response on a plea seeking directions to the poll body to upload polling station-wise voter turnout data on its website within 48 hours of polling for each phase of the ongoing Lok Sabha polls. It gave the poll body a week to file its affidavit. The Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), the petitioner, had sought the uploading of scanned copies of Form 17-C (record of the number of votes polled in a booth).

A three-judge bench led by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud and justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra asked ECI counsel Amit Sharma what was the difficulty in putting up the voter turnout details on the website. Sharma replied that it was time consuming. "But every polling officer submits data on the app by evening? So returning officer has data of full constituency by the end of the day," the bench asked Sharma. He replied, "No, not immediately."

In the morning, the ADR moved the application as part of its plea to tally Voter-Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) slips with votes cast through Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs).

FIGHT GETS NASTY

Swati Maliwal leaves Kejriwal's house. She had earlier recorded her statement on the assault by Kejriwal's aide Bibhav | PTI | P9

Clash of surprise picks in Mumbai North Central

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MUMBAI North Central Lok Sabha constituency, home to several celebrities and spread across many posh areas including Bandra and Vile Parle, is witnessing a close contest between renowned lawyer Ujjwal Nikam of the BJP and Mumbai Congress president Varsha Gaikwad.

Interestingly, neither Nikam nor Gaikwad was the first choice of their respective parties. The BJP denied ticket to sitting MP Poonam Mahajan and wanted to field its Mumbai city president Ashish Shelar, who declined to contest saying he is not ready to enter national politics. Then Nikam was picked at the last moment.

As for the Congress, it was considering former Maharashtra minister Naseem Khan, who was very keen to contest from the constituency. That Mumbai North Central has around 4 lakh Muslim voters was also a factor favouring his candidacy. However, alliance partner Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) proposed the name of Varsha Gaikwad as the joint candidate saying Muslim votes alone won't be enough to win the election.

SHOWTIME FOR GLADIATORS

"If Marathi candidate Varsha Gaikwad is fielded, then Shiv Sena (UBT) will easily transfer its votes to Gaikwad in the fiercely contested battle. The calculation is that there are over 4 lakh Muslims, 1 lakh Christians, 1 lakh Dalits, and a considerable number of Marathi and non-Marathi voters. The BJP won the last two elections because of support from the Shiv Sena. But the BJP does not have it this time; so, it will face an uphill task even though it has a high-profile lawyer as its candidate," said a senior Shiv Sena (UBT) leader, who did not wish to be named.

According to reports, Gaikwad herself was not expecting to fight from Mumbai North Central: her first preference was Mumbai South Central, the constituency of her late father Eknath Gaikwad. However, Uddhav successfully pushed his party's candidate Anil Desai for the Mumbai South Central seat.

Ujjwal Nikam and Varsha Gaikwad

ILLUSTRATION: MANDAR PARDIKAR

Nikam is a well known lawyer, having appeared for several high-profile cases including the 26/11 Mumbai terrorist case, 1993 Bombay bomb blast case, Gulshan Kumar case, and the sensational Pramod Mahajan murder case. The BJP hopes his popularity will help, on top of the Modi factor.

"To win, the BJP needs to get Marathi votes in significant numbers. Otherwise, history will repeat like in 2009, when Congress candidate Priya Dutt trounced senior lawyer Mahesh Jethmalani of the BJP in the Mumbai North Central seat by nearly 1,75,000 votes," said a political observer.

Towards this strategy, the BJP is trying to breach the Sena's traditional Marathi vote bank by arranging rallies by MNS chief Raj Thackeray.

ALMANAC TODAY
Saturday: 18.05.2024 • Year: Krodhi • Ayana: Uttharayana • Ritu: Vasantha • Masa: Vaishaka • Paksha: Sukla • Tithi: Dasami 10.48 am • Nakshatra: Utthara Phalguni 11.56 am • Moon in Tula Rashi • Rahukaala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Gulikakala: 06:00 am to 07:30 am • Yamaganda: 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 27°C
FORECAST: Isolated tstorms late
Sunrise 05.53 am | Sunset 06.38 pm | Moonrise 02.32 pm | Moonset 02.17 am

Builder booked for felling 8 trees to build flats

BBMP forest dept officials reached late, allege KR Puram residents

Residents of KR Puram share a picture of the trees in their area being cut for construction purpose | EXPRESS

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

BRUHAT Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) forest division registered an FIR against an Andhra Pradesh-based builder, who allegedly cut eight trees at Sai Serenity Layout in Basavanapura ward of KR Puram, to build flats.

Residents allege that when a resident of the layout tried to intervene, he was threatened. Despite calls to Deputy Range Forest Officer, Mahadevapura Zone, Sudarshan Reddy over the past two days, no action was taken. The residents also alleged that forest officials deliberately reached 5 to 6 hours late, by which time a huge branch was felled.

According to residents, Anvitha Infra Builders, a construction firm, had engaged workers to cut a huge raintree to make 45-plus flats. The residents had called up Sudarshan Reddy to stop the felling of trees, but he reached late on Wednesday. The cutting was then stopped, but again taken up and on Friday, workers had cut more branches. As the matter was escalated to top BBMP officials, forest officials rushed in and filed an FIR against Rajesh, who is associated with the construction firm.

"The FIR is registered against Rajesh under Section 8 of the Tree Preservation Act, 1976. The action taken report was also sent to the Special Commissioner, Lakes, Parks and BBMP Forest division," Pushpa M, Range Forest Officer, Mahadevapura, said.

Following allegations from residents that the same builder had cut seven trees on Godavari Road under Survey number 4/2, Pushpa and her team visited the spot and said another FIR will be registered against the developer and others present at the spot on Friday. "Let them come and give an explanation to higher officials," Pushpa said.

20K saplings perish, Palike to plant 10K trees

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

THE BBMP forest department disclosed that at least 20,000 saplings of trees planted last year, have perished due to extreme heat, coupled with irregular monsoon. Hence, to make up for the loss, the Palike has decided to plant 10,000 saplings this year, and has instructed contractors also to plant an equal number of saplings.

According to the BBMP Deputy Chief Conservator of Forest BLG Swamy, extreme heat conditions in mid-March and April, destroyed many sapling species, which were planted across the city as part of the civic body's green initiative.

"We will plant 10,000 saplings that are sourced from our nurseries. Contractors have been also told to plant equal number of saplings," said the official.

He also added that the BBMP is planning to plant 1.30 lakh saplings this year. "We will also launch a mobile application called 'Mapothon' inviting public to help find suitable places to plant these saplings. Palike hopes to plant an additional 50,000 plants trhough this," he said.

BBMP has decided to plant native species like Honge (Indian Beech Tree), Beevu (Neem), Neerle (Black Plum) and Basavanapada (Purple Orchid) as these have a high survival rate.

KARANTH LAYOUT

2.3K revenue sites for priority allotment

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE Land Acquisition Department of the BDA has submitted a list of 2,333 sites to the Justice VG Bopaiah committee set up by the Supreme Court to look into the legality of revenue sites purchased before August 3, 2018 in Dr K Shivarama Karanth Layout. This was revealed during a high-level meet at the BDA head office on Friday.

The three-member committee of judges, chaired by Justice Bopaiah, was constituted in July 2021 to scrutinise the land title and decide upon its legality.

Dr A Soujanya, Deputy Commissioner (Land Acquisition), BDA, told TNIE, "We have submitted the list of owners of revenue sites, who need to be given priority while allotting the sites. We received 2,934 applications from such owners, while we have 601 sites pending with us and we are looking into these applications. Those okayed will be allotted 30x40 sqft sites in exchange on a priority basis whenever the allotment begins."

Revenue sites refer to agriculture sites which were sold by the original owners as residential sites without taking the requisite approvals from the BDA Town Planning Department.

A senior BDA official said, "They will not be offered any discount. The only concession given is that they do not have to make many attempts to get a BDA site. They are assured of a 30x40 sq ft site in exchange for their site. The money they paid to the original owners will be the loss they suffer. In case they have built houses on it, they will be demolished for the layout. Whether they possess a site of higher dimension or many 30x40 sqft sites, they will be offered only one parcel of 30x40 sqft. This would not be given to them in case they own any other property."

The HC has not given the green signal for the allotment of sites in the layout. It has also mandated that the land losers (farmers) need to be given preference at the time of allotment. "At least 15,000 out of the 30,000 sites will be given to farmers first. After that, revenue site owners will get preference, and only then, general public will be given allotment. This is mandated by the court," he said.

Justice Bopanna told, "We have not yet received the full list of revenue site holders. Only after it is handed over, we will recommend the list to the BDA commissioner."

LURKING DANGER

With heavy rain forecast for Bengaluru over the weekend, potholes such as this pose a threat to motorists and pedestrians in the city | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

EXPRESS READ

ITI to install solar streetlight systems in Bihar

Bengaluru: ITI Ltd. has received Letter of Intent (LoI) worth Rs 37.5 crore from Bihar Renewable Energy Development Authority (BREDA) to install solar streetlight systems in their state. ITI Ltd.'s Naini Unit has received an LoI for design, supply, installation, testing, and commissioning with comprehensive maintenance contract for 5 years, including remote monitoring system, for 2,800 solar streetlights from DPRO Katihar amounting to Rs 8.58 cr under Mukhyamantri Gramin Solar Street Light Yojana. The PSU has received another LoI for 9,440 solar streetlights from DPRO Katihar, amounting to Rs 28.94 cr under the same scheme. Chairman and MD of ITI Ltd Rajesh Rai said, "ITI Limited is proud to partner with the Bihar government's BREDA to help illuminate streets with sustainable solar energy. This project is a testament to our commitment to a sustainable environment."

Naturalist course to promote eco-tourism

Bengaluru: The Naturalist Centre of Excellence, a naturalist school set up by serving, and retired IFS officers and naturalists, to help students in rural areas become independent entrepreneurs, on Friday announced that it will start a 750-hour-long course. The course has been recognised by, and the Centre is accredited by the central government. The course equips participants with the green skills necessary for eco-tourism. The course teaches ecology and natural history of Indian ecosystems, flora and fauna identification, bird watching and animal tracking skills, responsible tourism practices and interpretation and storytelling techniques. It helps naturalists work as nature guides in national parks and reserves, eco-lodges and wildlife sanctuaries. For further information and registration, contact +91 86607 41500 or write to courses@naturalist.school.

Tech park to pay Rs 50K penalty for clogging SWD

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

BRUHAT Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike (BBMP) has cracked a whip against tech parks and builders, and has imposed Rs 50,000 penalty each, for dumping plastic waste into storm water drains (SWDs), and for putting up promotional banners using banned plastic items at two different places.

According to Joint Commissioner of Solid Waste Management, BBMP, R Prathiba, the officials of Eco Space Tech Park were caught red-handed, dumping plastic waste into a storm water drain. The BBMP marshals and engineers then imposed Rs 50,000 fine on the tech park, on Wednesday. In another incident, the BBMP team imposed Rs 50,000 against another real estate firm, Casa Blanca, for putting up banners made of banned plastic.

"The BBMP's action against the tech park and the builder sends a strong message that strict action will be taken against those who violate the Palike's rules, especially those rules that address solid waste management," said Prathiba.

The team of BBMP officials will also inspect places and industries in RR Nagar, Dasarahalli and Bommanahalli zones to check manufacturing of single use plastic. "During the raids, if it is found that the factory is licensed, we would also be recommending for cancellation of trade license apart from levying a penalty of Rs 50,000," said an official from the solid waste management department.

Grace marks only this year: Edu min; CM holds dept accountable

Bengaluru: Primary School Education and Literacy Minister, Madhu Bangarappa on Friday emphasised that the increase in grace marks from 10 per cent to 20 per cent for the first SSLC Board exams, will be applicable only for the academic year 2023-2024. From next year, it will be brought down to 10 per cent. However, the three-board exam rule will continue to follow the increased grace marks system. Speaking outside Vidhan Soudha after a department-wise review meeting with CM Siddaramaiah, Bangarappa said, "To retain the sanctity of the exams, we have taken these decisions." Bangarappa added that the Chief Minister has also said that the grace marks should be discontinued from next year. Siddaramaiah cracked the whip on the education department and said that officials and teachers should take accountability for the poor performance. They have one year for course correction, and to improve overall performance. Chief Minister also noted that many academicians are calling grace marks an unscientific practice, and questioned the need for grace marks. He said that the grace marks should be based on merit.

Registration date for 2nd SSLC exams extended

Bengaluru: The KSEAB has extended the deadline to register for the second SSLC board exams. Students can apply before May 19, Sunday midnight. The second SSLC exam date has been revised and is scheduled to begin on June 14. The official timetable will soon be issued by KSEAB. Special remedial classes will start from May 29.

School fees touch Rs 1.5L, parents forced to pay in single instalment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

WITH the new academic year just a few weeks away, schools have increased their fee structure, and parents are worried about paying the new fees for their children. Parents who have enrolled their kids in private schools affiliated to CBSE, ICSE or SSLC boards, said that the schools are forcing parents to pay the fees in one single instalment. Till the last academic year, fees could be paid in three instalments, and in some special cases, parents got more instalments to pay the fees.

With the fee cycle hiked by at least 25-30 per cent in all schools, parents are in turmoil. Many have also approached Block Education Officers (BEOs) in their area, to seek a relief from paying such the hefty fee amount, in one go. Speaking to TNIE, President of Karnataka Private School College Parent Associations Coordination Committee, BN Yogananda emphasised that if the school management is not paying their staff annually, why should the parents pay the entire year's fees even before the year begins. He added, "The salaries for teachers and non-teaching staff is credited on a monthly basis, then why are schools applying this rule of annual payment on parents? They have already increased the fees substantially, post-COVID. However, they have not considered parents' financial conditions."

The president also alleged that 90 per cent of the schools have not clearly bifurcated the fee amount, nor have they provided enough details for the parents to have clarity on the parameters of the fee structure. A group of parents met the Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI), Bengaluru South, and the BEOs of the region, to discuss the matter.

"The fees comes close to Rs 1.50 lakhs for one child, for the academic year 2024-25. With such a huge school fees for one child, and costs of other essentials rising, how are we supposed to afford good education for our children? Many families are still reeling from the COVID impact," a parent from Bengaluru South shared.

The Associated Managements of Schools in Karnataka (KAMS) said that the decision of fee instalments is taken by individual schools and their managements. "Technically there is no existing order that bars schools from collecting fees in one go," said KAMS general secretary, Shashi Kumar D.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

18TH May : Not many people know this, but the Sun is 400 times the size of the Moon, and 400 times farther away. This is why they look the same size in the sky. It's also why we get eclipses, which occur when the light of one of these mighty bodies is blotted out. When this happens, the Moon turns red and the Sun goes black. If ever you've seen a total eclipse you'll know there is no more amazing sight in the sky.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The ball is now in your court as far as a personal matter is concerned. Waste no time if apologies are in order, or if you are dependent on partners' goodwill in other ways. Keep a business proposal under wraps for now, especially if a partner is forcing the pace.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
It's time to forget about behaviour or actions by friends which have offended your pride. Instead, why don't you astound everybody with your determination to strike out on an entirely new path? It's a fine moment for a spot of shopping therapy, by the way, which is another way of saying, indulge your harmless desires.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
This looks like one of those days when helping yourself is as important as helping others. The curious feature of today's idealistic planetary patterns is that selfless service to others can do you good. You'll also figure out how to handle a domestic responsibility.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Spending plans may require urgent attention, possibly because you've over-committed yourself in the past. However, don't feel pressurised into acting against your better judgment. Younger relations need your support, by the way, so lend a helping hand.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Given that this isn't the best day for arranging travel plans, if you are embarking on an unavoidable journey you must be sure to take elementary precautions. Check instructions, directions and other details. Family and friendly developments come together at last.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It would be false to say that recent efforts have all been in vain. However, you may be wondering just where it is all leading. Try to look at the broader picture. A foreign or legal connection may hold the key to your family's future, so keep an eye open for long-distance developments.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You're not often described as a free thinker, but such is the nature of the planetary patterns which will soon be affecting your life, that you should spare no effort in your quest for new personal ambitions and lifestyles. The future begins today!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You obviously feel that you have been led up the garden path, but this is a common experience for people born under the influence of your sign. You should try to be more trusting, and not quite so ready to dismiss people on your first impressions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Any tension in your partnerships could be a dynamic force for change. This is a time to mix as widely as possible and soak up influences you'd normally shun. You're also likely to make big advances in your business plans, though take it one careful step at a time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Even though you still feel that others are being inconsiderate, their intentions may be perfectly honourable. It's down to you to break the deadlock by making suggestions which other people will feel obliged to accept. Make someone an offer they can't refuse!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
If you look back, you will see that the past year has been a time of struggles and conflicts as well as rewards and achievements. Your most important gain has been an increase in maturity and depth of experience. That is now going to make you almost invincible.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Everyone in sight has been impressed by your obvious skill and expertise in dealing with family affairs. However, tensions have not been resolved, and this is no time to give way to complacency. Concentrate on your inner, spiritual development - just for a change!

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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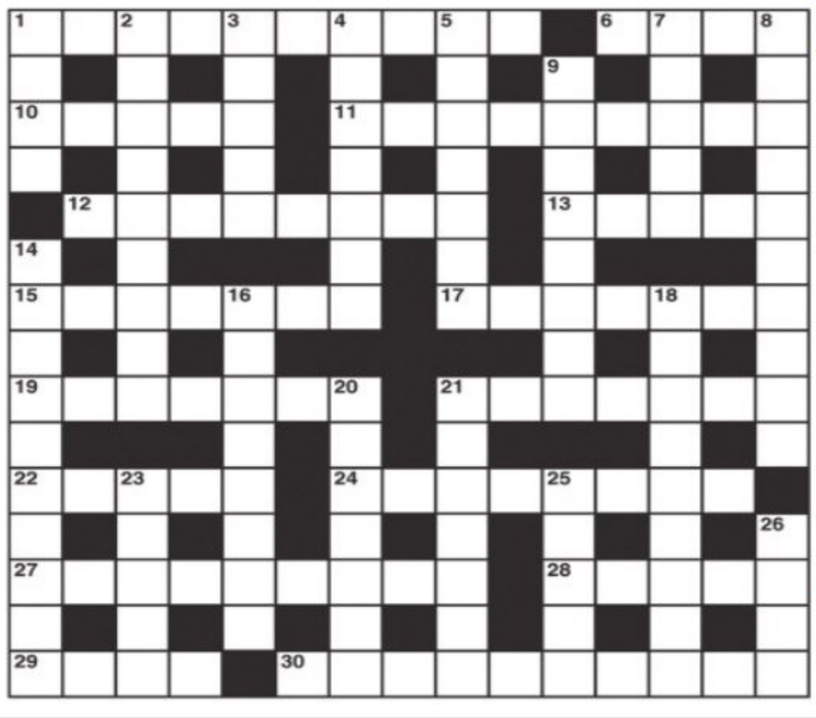
SUDOKU EVIL

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Not against upsetting an opponent (10)
6 Does farm work with pigs (4)
10 Like an egg, so veto a pie (5)
11 Tell niece about the customers (9)
12 Santa's animals needing control rush around (8)
13 Author of classic issue (5)
15 Maintains there's somebody in the beers (7)
17 Use this and presumably all's well (7)
19 It's disturbing having the wrong spirit in work (7)
21 Support given to unconscious chicken (4,3)
22 Gold piece is circular (5)
24 Daring sort of chap that makes the headlines (4,4)
27 It's a recurring theme in German opera (9)
28 Truss badly corrodes (5)
29 An inclination to scrape along (4)
30 They're widely grown for eating (5,5)

DOWN
1 A donkey almost berserk (4)
2 He is not still in business (9)
3 New place for putting golf balls (5)
4 A heart uncle is out to get us (7)
5 Iron sort of cup (7)
7 Apparent reduction of overtime (5)
8 Where seats can be seen as utter extravagance (5,5)
9 Pain I can suffer when frightened (2,1,5)
14 Don't eat Derby hat of express delivery person (4,6)
16 No risk of being late for a party? (4,4)
18 Widespread irregularity in the main? (6,3)
20 A pot may be used to catch and cook it (7)
21 Landlocked republic can get oil via Baghdad initially (7)
23 A stretcher for example should not be dropped (5)
25 Feverish activity in temples? (5)
26 Seeks jobs without an introductory letter (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Whopper, 5 Rifts, 8 Realistic, 9 Cut, 10 Sops, 12 Previous, 14 Plover, 15 Brainy, 17 One-sided, 18 Used, 21 Apt, 22 In retreat, 24 Curry, 25 Waiters.

Down: 1 Warms, 2 Ova, 3 Pain, 4 Retort, 5 Recovery, 6 Factories, 7 Satisfy, 11 Projector, 13 Felicity, 14 Prosaic, 16 Hebrew, 19 Dates, 20 Etui, 23 Ewe.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

TNNHI

RIDYT

GANFEL

HNRCET

People pay to see me!
I want top billing!
Brad? Dwayne? What's going on? You worked so well together in the last movie.
3/21
TENSION WAS HIGH ON THE SET BECAUSE THE MOVIE STARS WERE HAVING TROUBLE ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WHACK BUDDY FEMALE UNWISE
Answer: The baker wasn't going to rush making the bread and would take as long as — SHE "KNEADED"

Three boys drowned in a pond at Achalu village near Ramanagara on Friday afternoon. The deceased have been identified as Rihan Khan, 16, his brother Shabaz, 14, and Sultan, 13, all residents of Sultan Nagar in Ramanagara town

HUBBALLI MURDER

ACCUSED WANTED TO KILL ANJALI FOR LAST 3 MONTHS

Had told friends that he would be called 'second Fayaz', accused in Neha Hiremath case

AMIT S UPADHYE @Hubballi

SHOCKING details were revealed during the preliminary investigation of Vishwanath alias Girish Sawant, 22 who was arrested in Davanagere on Thursday night for allegedly murdering 20-year-old Anjali Ambiger at her residence in Veerapur Street in Hubballi on Wednesday. He had later fled to Mysuru.

Sawant had allegedly revealed that he had plans to murder Anjali for the last three months and the same was shared with his friends. An investigating team member said that Sawant had told some of his close friends that he will soon be called 'second Fayaz' and will murder Anjali soon. Fayaz is accused of murdering his former classmate Neha Hiremath at her college in Hubballi on April 18.

According to the police, Sawant was angry as he did not want to see Anjali getting married to someone else. "The relationship between Anjali and Sawant went stale when they had a fight three months ago.

Former CM and BJP leader Jagadish Shettar visits Anjali Ambiger's family in Hubballi

The couple went shopping at Durgadbail where Anjali told Sawant that the family was looking for grooms for her. This led to a heated argument between the couple and Sawant hit her in public. The passerby managed to save her and sent Sawant away. Since then he was planning to murder Anjali," the police said.

The accused had also consulted a lawyer to check on the punishment and procedures if someone is accused of murder. The accused had taken help of his friend to reach the victim's house on the day of murder (May 15) stating that he is going to elope with Anjali. But Sawant's friend was in shock when he saw blood stains on his shirt. The accused had purchased the knife from Dajibanpet.

The family members of Anjali, who had warned the police about a possible attack, are still in shock. Younger sister of Anjali said that the family wanted to watch the accused get hanged."We demand justice for Anjali," she said.

Senior cop to land in Hubballi

ENS @ Bengaluru

A senior police officer will reach Hubballi to review the progress of the Anjali Ambiger murder case, and the situation in the city. Home Minister G Parameshwara said that since back-to-back murders were reported in the city, there is a need to understand the reasons for such crimes. We are sending a senior officer to Hubballi on Saturday to review the situation," he said.

Parameshwara told reporters on Friday that the murders in the twin cities will be probed, and an ADGP-rank officer will review them and submit a report to the State government. "Why are such incidents happening back to back? We need to know what the factors are. I am also planning to visit Hubballi," he said. The minister said the accused in the Anjali murder case "will be punished as per law and there is no question of sparing anyone". He also said police had made a mistake, and two personnel had been suspended. Asked about the victim's family approaching police earlier, Parameshwara said her (Anjali) parents did not give a complaint in writing. "They informed police. We suspended the inspector," he said.

Girish worked as supplier in Mysuru hotel

MYSURU: Vishwanath alias Girish Sawant, who murdered 20-year-old Anjali Ambiger at her residence in Hubballi, worked as a supplier in Maharaja Hotel in Mysuru. Govardhan, the restaurant owner, said he had hired Vishwanath to look after his aged father through Vinayaka Nursing Care Service. "He was hired to look after my father at my house. He worked for one-and-a-half months. Later, on his request, he was given a room service job in our hotel, while also working as a supplier. He was irregular and used to go on leaves for days, claiming that his mother was ill. He used to also make calls from the hotel's telephone and from the staff's mobile phones," he said. He also said that a few days ago, he had taken Rs 1,000, and on Tuesday afternoon, borrowed Rs 5,000 as advance. "After borrowing the money, he did not return to the hotel," he said. **ENS**

5 bodies in C'durga house: Sleeping pills found in samples

G SUBHASH CHANDRA @ Chitradurga

AN overdose of sleeping pills is said to be the reason for the deaths of five people of a family, whose skeletons were recovered on December 28, 2023, in Chitradurga.

Superintendent of police Dharmendra Kumar Meena in a press conference said the final report received by the district police from forensic experts suggested that death could be due to complications caused by nordazepam and oxazepam drugs found in sleeping pills. However, the exact cause of death could not be determined.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Further he said that the forensic experts collected as many as 71 items as samples from the house for analysis. A study of the soft tissues of the skeletons showed the presence of drugs, he said.

Apart from this, the utensils from the house were also collected from the kitchen, which showed traces of cyanide ions. But the cyanide ions were not found in the soft tissues of the skeletons. There is no material to suggest that they consumed cyanide, he said.

Responding to a call by neighbours of the abandoned house on December 29, the police barged inside the building on Challakere Road in Chitradurga, where they found as many as five skeletons. The house had remained locked since 2019. Based on a complaint filed by a relative of the family residing in the house, the deceased were identified as retired executive engineer Jagannath Reddy (80), an native of Dodda Siddavvanahalli, his wife Premaleela, their children Krishna Reddy, Narendra Reddy and Triveni.

SP Meena said, after the incident came to light, the forensic experts from Davangere and Bengaluru visited the spot and collected samples for analysis. The post-mortem was conducted by Dr Venu and Dr Krishna of the Forensic Medicine Department at Basaveshwara Medical College in Chitradurga.

No bone fractures

The final report from the analysis confirmed that there were no bone fractures. The police investigation and the opinion of the experts suggested that the death could have occurred somewhere between the last week of February and the first week of March in 2019. Forensic experts also reported that the deaths occurred about four-and-a-half to five years ago," he said.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Pawan Kumar said, "Jagannath Reddy (80) is my relative. However, the entire family was not in touch with the extended family, hence we never went to their house and for the past several years Jagannath Reddy and his children were not even seen. The skeletons found may be of Jagannath, his wife and children. They might have died long back."

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara inspects security features at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

HM: Online passes to enter Soudha soon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

HOME Minister Dr G Parameshwara on Friday said that entry passes to Vidhana Soudha will be distributed online soon.

Speaking to reporters after inspecting the newly-installed metal detectors and baggage scanners at the entrance gates of Vidhana Soudha on Friday, the minister said passes will no longer be distributed by hand. "Online passes and ID cards will be verified. Passes with QR codes, obtained online, will be checked. With the installation of high-quality equipment, it will be easier to detect any suspicious items being brought in," he added.

"High-quality baggage scanners, metal detectors, and QR code scanning machines, among other equipment, have been installed at four gates of Vidhana Soudha, three gates of Vikasa Soudha, six gates of the Karnataka High Court, and at the entrance gate of Raj Bhavan," Parameshwara said.

MATTED MESS

Haphazardly placed optical fibre cables are a usual sight on the footpath near Sankey Road for over four months now, inconveniencing pedestrians | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Ugandan caught smuggling heroin gets 10 years RI

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

A UGANDAN man has been sentenced to 10 years rigorous imprisonment by a special Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) court recently for smuggling heroin worth Rs 10 crore from Sharjah to Bengaluru. He has already completed over two years in jail and needs to complete the rest of his sentence.

The verdict, delivered by City Civil and Sessions judge BS Jayshree of the NDPS court, also includes a fine of Rs 1 lakh or an additional year of imprisonment in case of failure to pay it.

"The verdict dates back to an incident that occurred on February 16, 2022, when **Katongole Patrick** (29 years of age at that time) was caught attempting to smuggle 847 grams of heroin. He had concealed the substance as oval capsules and had swallowed them. Following an intelligence tipoff, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) caught him," a source told *TNIE*.

Patrick, who arrived by an Air Arabia flight, was planning to leave for Delhi when he was caught. "It was heroin of extremely superior quality with a market value of Rs 10 crore. The incident created quite a stir as it was the first time someone had tried to smuggle such a huge quantity through one's stomach," the source added.

The Ugandan was then taken to a local government hospital to facilitate extrication of the capsules, he added. He confessed that they were not intended for Bengaluru, but for Delhi.

Patrick is already incarcerated in Parappana Agrahara Central Prison and will be made to complete his 10-year term, he added.

This is the second verdict delivered in recent times, when a foreigner has been sent to 10 years in jail. The previous instance involved a Zimbabwean, Masumba Taradzwa, who was caught by the DRI for smuggling 8 kg and 140 grams of heroin. "That was of ordinary quality and valued at Rs 30 crore. The incident occurred on June 30, 2021, and he is also lodged in the Central jail," the source said.

CRIME PATROL

'Accused will be nabbed soon in Chalukya Express stabbing case'

BELAGAVI: Railway DIG Sharanappa stated that a search operation has been launched to arrest the passenger who stabbed a railway employee to death and assaulted three others including a TTE on board the Puducherry-Dadar Express (S-8 coach, Train 11006) near Londa in Belagavi on Thursday. He said four special teams had been formed by the railway police to nab the accused. He said Avarshi Varma, 21, a resident of Uttar Pradesh who was working as a housekeeping staff on contract in the same bogie, was stabbed to death by the unidentified passenger when he came to the rescue of the TTE. Sharanappa said the passenger went on a stabbing spree and injured three others on board before jumping off the running train. "We have gathered information from several eyewitnesses, who stated that the accused jumped from the moving train. He will be nabbed soon," he added. The railway department will grant an ex-gratia to the kin of the deceased at the earliest, he assured.

BTech student hangs herself in college hostel room

BENGALURU: An 18-year-old BTech student of a private college hanged herself at the institution's hostel in Heelalige near Chandapura on Thursday night. The incident came to light when her fellow students found her hanging in a room. The police identified the deceased as Harshitha, who hailed from Arasikere in Hassan district. According to the police, Harshitha took the extreme step around 8.30pm on Thursday. She was found hanging in her room, which was locked from the inside. Another student saw her body through the window and alerted college management. The door to the room was broken, and Harshitha was rushed to hospital, where she was declared brought dead. While no suicide note was found, the police said primary investigation established that the girl was in a relationship with a boy, with whom she had a quarrel. She had reportedly spoken to him, prior to taking the extreme step.

Two guards arrested for death of POCSO case accused

BENGALURU: The death of a 22-year-old POCSO case accused on the stairs of a commercial building in SR Nagar, has taken a twist. The body, found six days ago, had no external injuries. Police had taken up an unnatural death case. The family of the victim, Sathya Kumar, had alleged that the family of the POCSO case survivor had murdered him. But investigations led to the arrest of two security guards of a commercial complex. On the day of the incident, Sathya was drunk and had gone inside the complex as it started raining. The guards, suspecting him to be a thief, started pushing him outside. The victim came in contact with a live wire and was electrocuted. Sensing trouble, the guards shifted the body to a neighbouring commercial building and kept it on the stairs. Sathya Kumar was found dead on May 10 in the building on Mission Road. The two guards, Ranjith Pradhan and Ramesh, were booked.

Dr. Yellappa Reddy
Consultant Physician
Dr. Vinay Swamy
Diabetologist
Dr. Venkatesh B P
Cardiologist
Dr. Mallesh P
Cardiologist
Dr. Sawakar S S
Consultant Physician
Dr. Mohan R
Nephrologist
Weight loss lowers total cholesterol & triglyceride levels, raises levels of good cholesterol in the body, patients must engage in aerobic exercises that target large muscle groups. Overweight patients should engage in low-intensity exercises more frequently and for longer durations.
Dr. Asadullah Karigar
Consultant Physician
Dr. G M Prasad
Diabetologist
High stress levels can raise blood pressure and lower HDL levels. Meditation, journaling, yoga & exercise can help reduce stress levels.
Physical activity is important. At least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic exercise a week is enough to lower both cholesterol and high blood pressure.
Dr. K M Prasanna Kumar
Endocrinologist
Dr. Naveen Kumar Hosalli
Consultant Physician
Dr. Guruprasad Deshpande
Consultant Physician
Dr. Imran M Damani
Diabetologist
Dr. Balaji Jagannmohan
Diabetologist
Dr. Pavankumar Sorganvi
Consultant Physician
In your HEARTVENTURE we're here with you
Dr. Gurushantappa
Diabetologist
Dr. Ajit Kanakareddy
Cardiologist
Dr. Varun Alur
Endocrinologist
Dr. Santosh Chikkodi
Cardiologist
Smoking also compounds the risk from other risk factors for heart disease, quitting smoking can lower triglycerides and increase HDL cholesterol levels, reduce damage, and improve artery function.
Eat more fiber-rich foods, such as oatmeal, apples, bananas, pears, prunes, kidney beans, chickpeas, lentils, and lima beans & soluble fibersthat reduces LDL cholesterol levels.
Dr. Lohitaswa
Cardiologist
Dr. S M Kaggalagoudar
Consultant Physician
Reduce intake of saturated fat and trans-fat. Reducing these fats means limiting your intake of red meat and dairy products made with whole milk, limiting fried food and cooking with healthy oils.
Dr. Kenneth Crispin
Consultant Physician
Dr. Krishna N
Diabetologist
Dr. Vivek Baliga
Cardiologist
Dr. Ravindra H S
Diabetologist
Dr. Srinivas KV
Diabetologist
VITAMIN C
Having a cup or two of green tea daily can help control high cholesterol, antioxidants in green tea help restrict bad cholesterol levels in the body and keep you feeling light and active.
Dr. Rakshith
Diabetologist
Consuming fruits rich in Vitamin C can significantly decrease bad cholesterol levels in the body & also help in the repair and regeneration of body tissues.
Dr. Dhananjaya B
Diabetologist
Dr. Chandrashekar K
Diabetologist
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ECI relaxes MCC, CM holds review meet

Siddaramaiah briefed on drought, rain fury in state and action taken by officials

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@ Bengaluru

AFTER the Election Commission of India relaxed the model code of conduct in Karnataka to take up urgent works, Chief Minister **Siddaramaiah** on Friday convened a review meeting with his ministers and senior officials on drought, rain and pending projects.

Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka, Manojkumar Meena said the state government had sought certain permission like calling and finalising tenders and calling meetings by the CM and ministers, for which ECI gave permission. At the meeting, the CM was briefed on various issues by the chief secretary and other senior officials.

Sources from the Chief Minister's Office said Siddaramaiaha got details on drought and action taken by officials. He was briefed on the loss caused by rain fury. He directed officials to write to the Central government to get pending grants. He told officials to take up tender works wherever they are required. The CM reportedly told officials to complete tender procedures by June this year.

With the ECI relaxation, the CM can hold meetings and video-conferences with officials. But there is a restriction on him visiting places and convening meetings with officials there.

He reportedly expressed his displeasure over many projects not getting completed. He told officials that if the money is available and not spent on works, the government will take action against such officials. The meeting also discussed the water crisis, especially the drinking water crisis.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar addresses the media after a drought review meeting at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

'Don't adjust aid money towards loan repayments'

Bengaluru: BJP leader R Ashoka said the Karnataka government is anti-farmer and compensation amount and money due to them for MGNREGA work is being adjusted towards repayment of loans taken by them. Ashoka urged the CM to order the DCs to instruct the banks not to adjust farmers' money towards their loans. If the banks do not agree, the State Government should waive farm loans, he said. Ashoka said the Centre released Rs 3,454 crore as drought relief to the state, but the State Government has not given its share. Even the money given by the Centre has not been properly delivered to the farmers, he said. BJP alleged that banks are adjusting compensation money towards repayments of loans, but the State Government is not doing anything. The CM should call for a meeting of the bank officials and take appropriate measures, Ashoka said.

NO POWER CUTS

Karnataka has enough coal to operate its thermal plants

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE State government is stocking up on coal at thermal power plants so they run to full capacity and there are no power cuts. As on May 13, state-run thermal power stations had a stock of 8,51,275 tonnes of coal, and according to Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) officials, this is sufficient for the next 15-18 days. Apart from this, 2,00,813 tonnes of coal is available at Udupi Power Corporation Limited (UPCL) which is managed by the Adani Group. "We are in a comfortable situation. We are also getting imported coal which is blended with coal generated in other Indian coal mines.

A total of 28 rakes are expected to arrive in the coming days. The government wants to ensure there are no power cuts, hence all thrust is on thermal at the moment. Besides, renewable energy is not a completely reliable energy source," said an official from the energy department, not wanting to be named.

The official explained that at the moment, the state is generating 967MW of solar and 610MW of wind energy. The total power generated from non-conventional sources is 1,718MW, including mini-hydro and biomass. "When there is cloud cover, like nowadays, there is zero solar generation in some places. Wind is also not constant. All organisations that run on solar energy during the day need equal or more thermal energy post sunset, like the airport. Also, hydro power generation is very limited at the moment because of the drought," the official said. According to KPCL, hydro generation is 790MW. The total thermal generation is 2,056MW from Raichur, Ballari and Yeramarus thermal power stations. There is an additional 888MW from IPP-thermal power plants. The power generation from state sources as on May 17, is 3,825MW.

"To meet net zero emission target and the Paris Agreement, there is a need to reduce coal-based power generation. But at moments like these, there is no option. It is the only reliable backup source of power. Thermal power also helps in keeping the grid support constant. So far, little progress has been made in energy storage. We are working on demand and supply model at the moment," the official added.

Revanna's bail plea order reserved till Monday

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THE 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) court on Friday reserved the order on the bail petition filed by Holenarasipur MLA HD Revanna in a sexual harassment case till Monday. The court also extended his interim bail, which was granted earlier this week.

Revanna came to the court barefoot for the hearing. Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) Jayna Kothari requested the court for an in-camera hearing.

The SPP told the court that Section 376 has been added based on the statements of the victim, and the hearing should be conducted in a sessions court and not at the magistrate court. Once a rape charge is pressed, it does not come under the jurisdiction of the magistrate court as Section 376 carries life imprisonment, the SPP argued. Meanwhile, the court, on Monday, will also decide whether to continue the hearing in the same court or to refer the case to a sessions court.

"The Holenarasipur Town police station's sexual harassment case against Revanna and Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna should not be divided. It is not possible to say that Revanna is not accused of rape. Bail cannot be granted for the accused under CrPC Section 436, since IPC Section 376 is a non-bailable offence. Investigation against both the accused is still going on and the details will be known only after the chargesheet is filed. The victim, in her statements, has said that she could not bear the harassment from Revanna and Prajwal and left home. Ashraya Mane provided to the victim has been taken back and despite a complaint to the District Collector, no justice was delivered," Kothari argued.

Ashok N Nayak, SPP, said that both Revanna and Prajwal have sexually assaulted the victim and she has been repeatedly raped and it is not possible to divide the accused and the case.

Senior advocate CV Nagesh, who argued for Revanna, said the victim's complaint has been typed and registered, while it should have been videotaped. "The Act was amended in 2013 to protect the dignity of the victims. Rules are not followed. FIR had been registered illegally and it is a false case. Section 376 has not been mentioned in any of the notices given to Revanna so far and hence bail must be granted," Nagesh argued.

Cong govt will collapse after I am freed, says Devaraje Gowda

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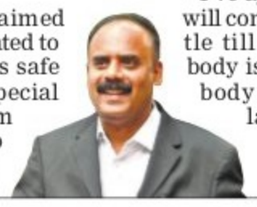
Predicting that the Congress government in the state will collapse immediately after he gets relief in this case, **Devaraje Gowda** said the police registered a rape case when he refused to act as per Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar's directives.

Gowda further claimed that the evidence related to the pen drive case is safe with him and the Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted to probe the alleged sex scandal didn't get anything when it raided his house. He also blamed the IG, Southern Range, and the Hassan SP for the rape case filed against him. The court has the pen drive containing the footage of Prajwal's former car driver Kartik's wife's abduction and not the alleged obscene videos of Prajwal.



"I've applied for bail and will continue the legal battle till I get justice. Nobody is above law. Everybody should abide by law and respect it. The truth will prevail," he said.

Revanna attends panel meeting

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SENIOR JDS leader and MLA, HD Revanna, attended official duties in Vidhana Soudha on Friday. Revanna and his son and Hassan MP, Prajwal Revanna, are in the centre of a political storm over the sex tapes. Revanna, a former minister, was arrested in connection with an alleged abduction case. He was granted bail by a special court for elected representatives earlier this week.

Revanna, who is the chairperson of the Committee on Papers laid on the Table, attended the meeting in Vidhana Soudha. He came barefoot and left after the meeting, along with the members of the committee. As many as 10 to 11 legislators of the 20 members in the committee had turned up for the meeting. They held a closed-door meeting briefly and decided to take up the matters thoroughly in the next meeting as many of the top bureaucrats have not returned from their election duties. Revanna was also in a hurry to attend a court hearing concerning his bail. Even as reporters surrounded him for his reaction to the alleged sex scandal, Revanna said he would not react as the matter was in the courts.

He also sidestepped questions regarding murmurs in political corridors about him being replaced as the committee chairperson.

MY TAKE

IT'S TIME TO 'BELONG', NOT JUST 'FIT IN'

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IT is not hard to notice that Karnataka is the microcosm of India. The diversity in terms of religions, castes (and sub-castes), languages and the racial mix gives the state a character which reflects that of the whole country.

But such a diversity poses a challenge to make some segments 'belong' to the whole rather than merely 'fit in' to display that diversity. Throw in a hefty dose of political agenda-linked hollow narratives — as we are witnessing with the ongoing electoral process — and that very diversity threatens to be compromised. Deep fissures appear in society. Each segment in this diverse mix seems to be merely 'fitting in' to make the whole rather than 'belong' within the society. Terms like 'minority', 'majority', 'upper caste', 'lower caste' and such — which are potential vote banks for the politicos — become words spelling division, bringing the proud "unity in diversity" tag line under a cloud. This goes against the human need to 'belong'. The 'othering' and the "us-and-them" narratives are seeded in these.

Erich Fromm, the German-American social psychologist, psychoanalyst and sociologist, in his famous work *Escape From Freedom*, writes, "Religion and nationalism, as well as any custom and any belief, however absurd and degrading, if it only connects the individual with others, are refuges from what man most dreads: isolation."

The 19th century French novelist and playwright, Honore de Balzac, states in *The Inventor's Suffering*: "...man has a horror for aloneness. And of all kinds of aloneness, moral aloneness is the most terrible....The first thought of man, be he a leper or a prisoner, a sinner or an invalid, is to have a companion (or companions) of his fate. In order to satisfy this drive...he applies all his strength, all his power, the energy of his whole life..."

One might instantly point out that whatsoever the divisions, we do belong to some segment or the other. But belonging has various levels, mainly categorised into intimate, personal, social and public. As no human is completely isolated by society, like a marooned creature, it is assumed that the intimate and the personal side of 'belonging' is a given. It is the latter two (social and public belonging) that gain importance for groups and communities. They can't just exhibit a sense of belonging by only 'fitting in' to display a whole, they actually must get that sense of 'belonging' to the society, the state and the nation.

Brené Brown, researcher and storyteller who studied courage, vulnerability, shame and empathy, accurately explains the difference between 'fitting in' and 'belonging'. In her book, *Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead*, she explains, "...fitting in and belonging are not the same thing. In fact, fitting in is one of the greatest barriers to belonging. Fitting in is about assessing a situation and becoming who you need to be in order to be accepted. Belonging, on the other hand, doesn't require us to change who we are; it requires us to be who we are."

Belonging, experts stress, is a human emotional need for being accepted, be it within a family, among friends and colleagues, within a religion, and most importantly, in the state and nation as a whole — without the insecure feeling of being the 'other'.

The "us" and "them" narratives force a feeling of just 'fitting in', ejecting the sense of 'belonging'. The more we fall to such narratives, the more alienated a victimised segment would feel, the more we get divided, while "unity in diversity" increasingly becomes a mirage.

The urge to belong to the state or nation should be so strong that individuals, groups, and communities should get a feeling expressed by Jewel the unicorn in CS Lewis' *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Last Battle*: "I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life...."

IN ONE VOICE

Tibetans in Mysuru on Friday take out a rally demanding the release 11th Panchen Lama of Tibet who they allege was abducted by the Chinese authorities on May 17, 1995. Members of the Middle Way Tibetan Youth Congress and Regional Tibetan Women's Association of Bylakuppe, Hunsur and Kollegal appealed to the authorities to urge China to release the 11th Panchen Lama and others | UDAYASHANKAR S

COUNCIL POLLS

FOUR REBELS COULD TILT THE SCALES

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

WITH biennial polls scheduled on June 3 for six council seats — three Graduates and three Teachers — it is becoming clear that rebellion could impact four seats. A number of leaders who have turned rebel and filed their nomination papers could turn the contest into a cliffhanger if they fail to concede to their party high command's diktat and remain in the fray. The last date for withdrawal of nominations is May 20.

In North East Graduates seat (Ballari, Bidar, Kalaburagi, Koppal, Raichur, Vijayanagara and Yadgir), Kalaburagi-Yadgir DCC Bank vice-president Suresh R Sajjan is the rebel candidate against BJP's official candidate Amarnath Patil. Former MLC Chandrashekar B Patil of the Congress is likely to benefit from this rebellion.

In South West Graduates seat (Chikkamagaluru, Dakshina Kannada, Davanagere, Kodagu, Shivamogga & Udupi), both Dr Dhananjaya Sarji of the BJP and Ayanur Manjunath of the Congress are facing hiccups. Former three-time Udupi MLA K Raghupathi Bhat has asserted that he will not withdraw his papers as there is a regional imbalance with the party not giving representation to Dakshina Kannada leaders in the Council polls. So, the going may be tough for Sarji, a newbie and a native of Shivamogga.

For Ayanur, the situation would be no different as senior Congress leader SP Dinesh, who had contested twice consecutively and lost by a narrow margin, is reportedly firm on remaining in the fray.

SL Boje Gowda of the JDS, who is the NDA candidate from South West Teachers seat (Chikkamagaluru, Dakshina Kannada, two taluks of Davanagere, Kodagu, Shivamogga & Udupi) has an uphill task, as a popular figure in the cooperative movement, Dr SR Harish Acharya of the BJP, has filed his papers. Congress candidate K K Manjunath Kumar may take advantage of the rift in the BJP-JDS alliance.

In Bengaluru Graduates seat (BBMP Central, North, South, Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru Urban & Ramanagara) where A Deve Gowda is the BJP nominee and Ramoji Gowda is contesting on a Congress ticket, there is no strong rebellion in either party. But KPCC social media general secretary Ferdinand Lawrence has also filed his papers, claiming to be the Congress rebel candidate.

The South East Teachers seat is likely to witness a close contest between sitting MLC Y A Narayanaswamy of the BJP and DT Srinivas, husband of former Hiriyur MLA Poornima.

The BJP-JDS leadership managed to quell the rebellion in South Teachers seat (Chamarajanagar, Hassan, Mandya & Mysuru) as BJP's EC Ningaraj Gowda was convinced to withdraw his papers in favour of JDS nominee K Vivekananda. Former MLC KT Srikante Gowda was keen to file his papers as a JDS rebel but could not do so as he was hospitalised on Thursday.

SCRUTINY OF PAPERS FOR SE TEACHERS' SEAT ADJOURNED

The Election Commission of India (ECI) which scrutinised the nomination papers of the candidates in five Legislative Council seats on Friday, has deferred that of the South East Teachers' seat to 3 pm on Saturday citing technical reasons. Fifteen people have filed 22 nomination papers for that seat. As many as 103 people have filed 156 nomination papers for the six seats that will go to the polls on June 3. The papers of 76 candidates were accepted to fight for the five seats on Friday. Nomination papers of candidates from all three major parties—JDS, BJP, and Congress—were accepted. There was also some issue with the Bengaluru Graduates' seat, as the returning officer, Amlan Aditya Biswas, had rejected some papers of independents that were not in order. "Scrutiny is quasi-judicial work done by the RO in front of candidates," clarified Karnataka Chief Electoral Officer Manoj Kumar Meena.

The Salem Division of the Southern Railways has revised the timings of the weekly special trains between Mangalore Central and Coimbatore Junction at the Coimbatore and Podanur junction stations. The new timings will come into effect on May 18 and will be in force till June 30.

BATTLEGROUND BIHAR

RJD chief Lalu's daughter Rohini Acharya, Ram Vilas Paswan's son Chirag will protect their fathers' pocket boroughs

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

THE five Bihar seats going to polls in the fifth phase of Lok Sabha polls on May 20 will witness new candidates on four seats, and a turncoat trying his luck from the remaining one.

In Hajipur (SC) and Saran, RJD chief Lalu Prasad's daughter Rohini Acharya and Ram Vilas Paswan's son Chirag Paswan face the challenges of protecting their father's pocket boroughs, respectively.

Altogether 80 candidates, including 35 Independents, are in the fray, with three contestants being doctors.

In high-profile seat Saran, Rohini Acharya is pitted against BJP MP and former Union minister Rajiv Pratap Rudy. Acharya, who hit the headlines for donating one of her kidneys to her father RJD chief and former chief minister Lalu Prasad, is making her debut in electoral politics.

Saran is considered the home ground of Lalu Prasad, who had represented the seat four times before being disqualified after his conviction in cases linked to multi-crore fodder scam in 2013. In 2009, Lalu won after defeating Rudy.

In 2014 polls, Rudy emerged victorious after defeating Rohini's mother and former chief minister Rabri Devi. In 2019, Rudy retained the seat by defeating Chandrika Rai, father in-law of Lalu's eldest son Tej Pratap and also an influential leader of Yadavs in the region.

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Saran has an almost equal number of backward Yadav and upper caste Rajput voters. While Yadavs favour RJD candidate, Rajputs vote by and large to BJP candidate. Rudy, however, claimed that his real fight was with Rohini's father Lalu, who is in the fray from behind the scene.

In Hajipur (SC) seat, there is a direct contest between Chirag Paswan, chief of Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), and Shiv Chandra Ram of Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD). For Chirag, it is more important to win election as Hajipur has been 'karmabhoomi' of his father late Ram Vilas Paswan.

Senior Paswan had represented the seat eight times before being nominated to the Rajya Sabha. In 2019, Chirag's uncle and Ram Vilas younger brother Pashupati Kumar Paras had won by defeating Shiv Chandra Ram of RJD.

This time, Chirag decided to contest from Hajipur and fielded his brother in-law Arun Bharti from Jamui from where he was elected in 2014 and 2019.

Shiv Chandra, a former state minister, is confident of his victory as Chirag may fall victim of 'bhitarghat' (internal conflict) due to strained relationship with his uncle.

Paras, MP from Hajipur, was denied ticket and seat was allotted to Chirag's party under seat-sharing arrangements among NDA constituents. Chiv Chandra is also popular among Ravidas community against whom Chirag had made some adverse comments. "There is resentment among members of Ravidas community over Chirag's remarks," said Pankaj Ram, a resident of Rajapakar in Vaishali district.

From Sitamarhi, JD(U) MP Sunil Kumar Pintoo was dropped in favour of Devesh Chandra Thakur, a close confidante of chief minister and JD(U) president Nitish Kumar. Devesh, chairman of Bihar Legislative Council, is contesting election for the first time. He is pitted against former MP and RJD leader Arun Rai.

In Madhubani, BJP's Ashok Yadav had won 2019 election by defeating Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) candidate Bardi Kumar Purbey. But this time, INDIA bloc changed its candidate and fielded former Union minister and influential RJD leader Md Ali Ashraf Fatmi, who had earlier unsuccessfully contested Ashok's father and four-time MP Hukumdeo Narayan Yadav. In Muzaffarpur, the contest is between Dr Raj Bhushan Choudhary of BJP and Ajay Kumar Nishad of Congress (read INDIA bloc). Ajay had won in 2019 on BJP ticket but but was denied ticket this time. He joined Congress, which fielded him from Muzaffarpur.

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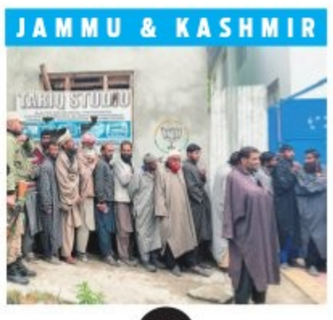

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A political leader

Baramulla's record

Baramulla, which will vote on May 20, has traditionally been witnessing more voter turnout than two other Valley seats. In 2019, Baramulla recorded 34.57% voter turnout, 39.13% in 2014 and 41.8% in 2009. Anantnag, saw a voter turnout of 8.94% in 2019, 28.84% in 2014 and 27.1% in 2009.

All eyes now on other Valley constituencies

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AFTER Srinagar recorded highest voter turnout of 37.99% in three decades, all eyes are now on the poll percentage on two other Valley seats and it remains to be seen whether the voter turnout crosses the 50% mark in any of the two or both parliamentary seats.

The poll enthusiasm has returned to the Valley after over three decades of militancy. The political parties and candidates are holding poll rallies, roadshows and corner meetings in Baramulla parliamentary seat in north Kashmir, which is spread over four districts (Baramulla, Bandipora and Kashmir of north Kashmir and Budgam in central Kashmir).

A leader said there is more enthusiasm in north Kashmir districts and Bandipora as compared to the Srinagar seat.

"There is intense poll noise and every contestant and party is busy campaigning and reaching out to the public to seek their support and votes. People including men and women and young and old are participating in these rallies and roadshows, which shows a marked change in the poll campaign since the eruption of militancy in J&K in 1990," he said. "The poll songs and poll jingles are renting the air of the political rallies and roadshows".

He said it can be safely said that the voter turnout in Baramulla seat will be higher than in Srinagar and the poll percentage may cross 50% mark.

Cops vandalising MLA's house creates stir in AP

Anantapur: Amid the election-related violence that broke out in Andhra Pradesh, videos of police personnel destroying CCTV cameras and furniture at the residence of Tadipatri MLA Ketireddy Pedda Reddy surfaced on Friday, creating a fresh stir. As soon as the videos emerged, the YSRC demanded the police department to take responsibility for the violence that erupted in faction-ridden Tadipatri. The video is dated May 15, which is two days after polling in the state. According to police, a YSRC activist, identified as Sanjeev, sustained injuries during a minor altercation at a polling booth in Tadipatri on May 13 and was subsequently shifted to a hospital for treatment.

No seat is family's, it's all people's, says Shah

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

UTTAR PRADESH

Home Minister Amit Shah with Amethi candidate Smriti Irani and other leaders at a public meeting in Rae Bareli district of Uttar Pradesh on Friday | EXPRESS

CONFRONTING the claim of Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra that Raebareli Union Home Minister Amit Shah said it was not a seat of any family but that of the people.

"She (Priyanka Gandhi) says that Rae Bareli and Amethi are the seats of my family. I say that this seat does not belong to any family. This is the seat of poor youth of both the districts. Whoever the people of Rae Bareli and Amethi want will go to the Parliament. This is democracy, family has no seat," he asserted.

Shah made a blistering attack on the Congress for declining the invite to consecration of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya claiming that if the Congress would come to power, it would put the "lock" in the temple again.

Addressing a rally in Daulatpur of Unchahar assembly constituency represented by SP turncoat Manoj Pandey who joined the BJP formally on Friday in Shah's presence, the Home Minister said, "Congress allies who say Ram temple has not been consecrated properly, if come, they will put the 'Babri lock' on Ram temple again."

Calling the opposition alliance a family-based congregation of parties, Shah said: "RJD leader Lalu Yadav wants to make his son the chief minister, Mamata (Banerjee) wants her nephew to be the chief minister and Sonia Gandhi wants to make her son the prime minister."

He claimed that with Smriti Irani winning in Amethi and Dinesh Pratap Singh in Rae Bareli, both the seats were going to go to the BJP.

Assuring the people of Raebareli that Dinesh Pratap Singh would remain with them in their good and bad times, Shah said, "I take a guarantee that if Dinesh Pratap is not seen in your good or bad times, it is my responsibility," he said.

AI flyer shouts 'bomb in bag' at KIA, booked

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

AN Air India Express flyer from Bengaluru to Pune was booked and arrested for creating panic by saying he has a bomb concealed in his check-in bag, during security checks at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA). A Non-Cognisable Report (NCR) has been booked against Rajeshkumar Beniwal after the airline filed a complaint at the police station on the airport premises.

Airport sources said the incident occurred in front of Counter No. E9 in Terminal 2 around 9 pm on Thursday. Beniwal, a resident of Hissar in Haryana, was scheduled to take flight no 15821 which was to depart at 11.05 pm.

A source said, "The bags were being handed over by passengers at the airline's check-in counter for screening when the flyer Beniwal blurted aloud that there was a bomb in his bag. The airline staff immediately alerted the security agencies at the airport."

The flyer was isolated and his bags were subjected to intense checks. His statement was found to be fake. He was not allowed to board the flight and detained.

Assistant Manager, Aviation Security of Air India Express, Ganesh Umapathy filed the police complaint. A case has been booked under IPC Section 505 (1) (B) which deals with intent to cause or likely to cause fear or alarm to the public or against the interest of public tranquility.

This is the second hoax bomb threat complaint filed at the police station within a fortnight. An FIR has been booked against an anonymous person who had sent an email, stating that about bombs would go off at Terminal 1 and also many flights. The T1 terminal manager had filed the complaint on May 2.

An Air India Express spokesperson in a statement said, "A passenger scheduled to fly with us on 16th May claimed that there was an explosive device in his bag during check-in. In line with standard protocols, he was handed over to airport police in coordination with the CISF. We maintain a zero-tolerance approach to threats to the safety and well being of our staff or guests."

Boy swept away by flash floods at Courtallam Falls

Police and rescue personnel at Courtallam falls on Friday| EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Tenkasi

A 16-year-old boy from Tirunelveli was swept away by flash floods triggered by heavy rain at Old Courtallam Falls in Tenkasi on Friday. His body was later recovered by the fire and rescue services personnel and sent to Government District Headquarters Hospital for postmortem. Bathing in the waterfalls has been banned till further orders.

Police identified the deceased as K Aswin, a resident of NGO colony in Tirunelveli. "Aswin recently cleared his SSLC examination. He visited his relative's house located at Melagaram on Friday. To enjoy bathing in the afternoon, Aswin and his relatives visited the waterfall which was calm in the morning. According to sources, when Aswin and a group of tourists were taking bath in the waterfall, there was a sudden surge in the flow of water due to the heavy rain in the catchment areas of the Western Ghats over the last few days. Caught unaware by the sudden deluge, tourists hurriedly ran away from the spot. But Aswin got trapped in the torrent of water and was swept away by its force. Informed by his relatives, fire and rescue services personnel led by district officer Banu Priya rushed to the spot.

Collector A K Kamal Kishore and superintendent of police T P Suresh Kumar too rushed to spot. After some time, fire services personnel found Aswin's body about half km from the Old Courtallam Waterfalls.

DON'T VISIT OOTY FROM MAY 18-20

The Nilgiris district administration on Friday requested people to "avoid" visiting the tourist town as very heavy rain has been forecast for Ooty from May 18 to 20

K'taka urges Maha to give water from Koyna dam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Belagavi

TO tide over the worsening drought in several parts of Karnataka, the State Government has appealed to the Maharashtra government for release of water from Koyna dam to the Krishna river, Karantaka PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi has said.

Speaking to the media in Belagavi on Friday, Satish said that the government is confident that Maharashtra would release water. The meagre amount of water available in the Krishna river currently would last only for the next 10 days, he said, adding that if the water was released from Maharashtra's Koyna dam, it would help people of several drought-hit areas in North Karnataka.

However, the government would utilise water from Hidkal dam to ensure a continued supply of water to all the affected areas if the situation demanded after 10 days, he said.

Arrangements had been made to supply 1 tmcft of water from Hidkal dam to the Krishna river and another 1 tmcft would also be released soon, he said. Tahsildars have been asked to take immediate measures to ensure supply of drinking water in the affected areas, he added.

'Congress will win 14-17 seats in Karnataka'

Including the Belagavi and Chikkodi seats, the Congress would win 14 -17 seats in Karnataka in the Lok Sabha elections, Satish said. While stating that the Congress would win more number of seats in Mumbai and Hyderabad-Karnataka regions this time, he said, the decision of the party to field the children of Cabinet ministers would certainly help the party increase its seat tally.

The decision to allot the party tickets to the children of ministers was taken by the Congress high command and the BJP had no moral right to criticise it, he said.

Heavy rain expected in Kottayam, P'thitta, Idukki on May 20, 21

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

THE India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast extreme heavy rainfall in Pathanamthitta, Kottayam and Idukki districts on May 20 and 21. In its five day forecast for Kerala, the IMD has issued orange alert for Palakkad and Malappuram districts on Saturday. These districts are expected to receive isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall ranging from 11.5 cm to 20.4 cm. The weather monitor has also issued an orange alert for Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha and Idukki on Sunday.

As per the forecast, Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Ernakulam and Idukki districts are expected to receive isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall on May 20 and 21. The forecast says that Pathanamthitta and Idukki districts would receive extreme heavy rainfall on these two days. The IMD says there is possibility of extreme rainfall in Kottayam on May 21. This means there is possibility of more than 20 cm rainfall in 24 hours.

"There is a cyclonic circulation over Comorin area which is expected to intensify. Besides strong westerly winds and cross equatorial flow can bring heavy rainfall," said IMD scientist V K Mini.

The IMD global forecasting systems are indicating the development of a low pressure area over southeast Arabian Sea off Kerala and Karnataka Coasts around May 22 which is likely to persists for the next couple of days over the same region with a little intensification. There are chances of the formation of a low pressure area ahead of monsoon surge over southeast and adjoining Andaman Sea around May 24. It is likely to intensify further into a depression. The formation of the low pressure area is expected to bring more rain during the next week

Southwest monsoon likely to hit TG in June 2nd week

Hyderabad: As the state continues to experience pre-monsoon showers, the weather in the upcoming weeks, according to officials, would continue to remain favourable with low temperatures and intermittent rains. Moreover, the southwest monsoon is very likely to hit Telangana in the second week of June, with a good progress of the monsoon in the initial phase. The IMD said that the southwest monsoon is very likely to advance into south Andaman Sea, some parts of southeast Bay of Bengal and Nicobar Islands around May 19. Maximum temperatures will experience a further dip below 35ºC in the week ahead.

3 fire tenders deployed

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EARLIER, sources said there was a suspected fire in the air conditioning unit of the plane and that an emergency was declared. As per data on the flight tracking website flightradar24, the flight was operated by an Airbus A321 aircraft. Responding to the suspected fire in the aircraft, Delhi Fire Services (DFS) deployed three fire tenders. "We received a call from IGI Airport at 6.15 pm regarding a fire," a DFS official confirmed.

3-day synchronised elephant census in southern states from May 23

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

AN elephant census in the border areas of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh will be held from May 23 to 25. While the elephant census is usually held for an entire forest patch once every five years, this time it will be held only in the border areas of the southern states.

"The exercise aims to understand the area, the conflict and chalk out better policies for better coordination and future planning. This is the first time such an exercise is being carried out. It is the outcome of the inter-state coordination committee meeting held in March 2024 in Bandipur Tiger Reserve," said a senior Karnataka Forest Department official. The inter-state meeting was held after a radio-collared tuskless male (makhana) killed a man in Wayanad, Kerala. The makhana was radio-collared by Karnataka forest officials after it was captured in Hassan. In the meeting, an Interstate Coordination Committee Charter 2024 was prepared to foster collaboration for human-animal conflict mitigation. The charter was signed by chief wildlife wardens and heads of forest departments of Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu on March 10, 2024. The charter listed five sections for implementation, one of them included population estimation exercises.

Earlier in 2022–23, Karnataka had taken the lead for southern states elephant estimation reports, which showed that Karnataka topped the charts, housing 6,395 elephants. The report, Asian Elephant (Elephas maximus) Population Size and Structure Estimates for Karnataka-Interim Report, August 2023, also quoted that there has been an increase in the population by 346 since 2017.

"This census exercise will be limited to only the bordering areas to identify conflict areas and chalk out better solutions. On the first day (May 23), the block count will be done, the transect method will be done on May 24, and the waterhole count will be done on May 25. Radio-collared elephants will also be tracked. Only the wild ones will be tracked and assessed, not those in captivity. The all-India elephant assessment will be done later on a large scale," the official added. In Karnataka, the exercise will be done in Kolar, Bannerghatta National Park, Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, MM Hills (all bordering Tamil Nadu), Bandipur Tiger Reserve (bordering Tamil Nadu and Kerala), Nagarahole Tiger Reserve (bordering Kerala), and all three divisions of Kodagu. The other forest divisions of the state are not included in this exercise.

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Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates

(As per the Commission's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in contempt petition(C) no. 2192 of 2018 in WP(C) no. 536 of 2011)

Name of Political Party : BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY
***Name of the Election** : BIENNIAL ELECTION TO THE KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Name of State/~~UT~~ : KARNATAKA

1) Name of the Constituency No. : Karnataka North East Graduates
Name of the candidate : Sri Amaranatha Patil

Sl. No.			
1.	**Criminal antecedents**		
	a.	Nature of the offences	U/ss. 143,147,323,333,353,342,504,506, 149 IPC and Sec. 3(1) (X) SC/ST (PA) 1989 Abusing the caste of the complainant is alleged
	b,	Case no.	Spl. C No. 418/2011
	c.	Name of the Court	II Addl Dist. Session Judge, Kalaburagi
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	YES (The case was culminated in the acquittal of the accused)
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	NOT APPLICABLE
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NOT APPLICABLE
	g.	Any other information required to be given	The Complaint as approached the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, Kalaburagi in Cr. Appeal No. 200079/2015 and the same is pending
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability"at the polls (not more than 100 words)		The selected candidate is a very senior sincere and dedicated party worker who has already been on various important positions as Elected member of Legislative Council. Since the case is disposed in favor of the selected candidate, there is no impediment to select him as a candidate
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)		As a senior party worker, he had an edge over other individuals considering the fact that the charges alleged against the selected candidate are disproved in the Trail Court. The Complaint was vindictive to tarnish the clean image of the selected candidate. Thus he is elected as candidate.

2) Name of the Constituency : Karnataka South West Graduates
Name of the candidate : Sri Dhananjay Sarji

Sl. No.			
1.	**Criminal antecedents**		
	a.	Nature of the offences	18(a) (vi) R/w Rule 65(9) (a) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940, Punishable U/S 27 (d) Sale of drug in contravention of the provisions of the I Chapter R/w Rules
	b,	Case no.	Cr. No. 171/22
	c.	Name of the Court	Addl. Civil Judge & JMFC at Bhadravathi
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	NOT APPLICABLE
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NOT APPLICABLE
	g.	Any other information required to be given	NOT APPLICABLE
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability"at the polls (not more than 100 words)		The selected candidate is a very promising and upcoming person with social commitments, having a degree in medicines and a successful practicing doctor without any blemish and a prompt worker of the party.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)		As this person has a social responsibility and his discharging the same with utmost care and caution. He is recognised and respected among the common people of the place. The allegations made against him are with regards to the sale of drugs in contravention of the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940. And outcome of the case will not have any bearing on the candidature of the person. Hence he is selected.

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Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Akshay Kumar (Borrower) Geethanjali (Co-Borrowers) Loan Account Number LBBNG00004925391 LBBNG00004927320	All That Piece And Parcel of The Three Bed Room Apartment Bearing Flat No.403, In The Third Floor Having A Total Super Built Up Area of 1605.00 Square Feet, Along With One Car Parking Space In The Basement/stilt Floor Bearing No.403, of The Multistoried Apartment Known As "Sriven Elegance", Constructed On The Schedule 'A' Property, Inclusive of Proportionate Share In Common Area Such As Passage, Lobbies, Stair-Case, Set-back Area And Other Areas of Common Use With Concealed Wiring, Vitrified Flooring Having Amenities Situated At Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Comes Under The Jurisdiction Of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore And Bounded As Follows:- East By : Flat No.404 West By : Flat No.402 North By : Corridor South By : South Set Back Area	Rs. 48,97,930/- (as on May 06, 2024)	Rs. 56,61, 000/- / Rs. 5,66, 100/-	June 03, 2024 From 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	June 14, 2024 From 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-www.disposalhub.com).** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **June 13, 2024** before **04:00 PM** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.
The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068** on or before **June 13, 2024** before **05:00 PM** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **June 13, 2024** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068** on or **June 13, 2024** before **05:00 PM.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Bangalore.**
For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** on **7304918084 /9844542086/8008999536.**
Please note that Marketing agencies **1. No Broker.in 2. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**

Date: May 18, 2024
Place: Bangalore
Authorised Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

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सिंडिकेट Syndicate
BENGALURU

E-AUCTION NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider **M/s. Antares Systems Ltd.** through the website **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com**

Sl. No.	1)Name of the Borrower / Guarantor(s) 2)Name of the Branch and Secured Creditor	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Reserve Price 3) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount	1) Last date of deposit of EMD 2) Last date of KYC documents 3) EMD A/c no. 4) IFSC code 5) Bid Factor	1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction 3. Date & Time of Inspection
1	1) **BORROWER (S) : 1. M/S Anagha Industries** No 25/5 Naganathapura Hosa Road, Doddanagamangala Main Road, Bangalore 560100. **2. Mr. Shivappa K R, Proprietor S/O Revanna Siddappa K H** No 378 Hsr Layout ,11th Main, 5th Sector, Bengaluru. **3. Mr. Prakasha K R, Guarantor,** Pc 190 B Coy 4th Ksrp No 322, 27th Block Hudco Police Quarters, Ksrp Koramangala Bengaluru 560084. **2) Canara Bank - Infantry Road Branch Ph No. 080-25306313, Mob No. 9483521927**	**1) Rs. 2,75,38,446.54** plus further interest & charges **2) Mentioned each property below.**	1) 01.06.2024 upto 5.00 pm 2) 31.05.2024 upto 5.00 pm 3) 209272434 4) CNRB0001927 5) Rs. 1,00,000/-	1. 03.06.2024 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 Noon 3. 30.05.2024 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Description of the immovable/ movable assets: All that piece and parcel of property bearing site No 22, Khata No 427/22 , New BBMP No 937/427/22, in Sri venkateswara layout ,situated at converted Sy No 39/1 ,39/3,41/2 (Vide conversion order No ALN.SR(A)24/89-90) dated 25.11.1989 at Kudlu Village , Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District within the administrative jurisdiction of Benagaluru Urban District Measuring East to West : 40 ft , North to South 30 ft, in all measuring 1200 sq.ft. ,along with 20 squares roofed building consisting of ground and first floor and bounded by **East By :** Site No 28, **West By :** Road, **North By:** Site No 21 and **South By:** Site No 23.
A) RESERVE PRICE - Rs. 1,24,00,000.00 B) EMD - Rs 12,40,000.00

For all details contact at Regional Office, MG Road, Bangalore. Contact Numbers - 1) 95849 78418, 2) 9483521927

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please logon to our website **www.canarabank.com** under "E-Auction" or contact the branch.

Place: Bangalore,
Date : 17.05.2024
Authorized Officer,
Canara Bank

3) Name of the Constituency : Karnataka Bangalore Graduates
Name of the candidate : Sri A. Devegowda

Sl. No.			
1.	**Criminal antecedents**		
	a.	Nature of the offences	U/s 477, 420, 120B, 114 R/w 34 of IPC Alleging criminal Conspiracy and Cheating
	b,	Case no.	C.C.No. 13525/2016
	c.	Name of the Court	III ACMM Bangalore
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	NOT APPLICABLE
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NOT APPLICABLE
	g.	Any other information required to be given	NOT APPLICABLE
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability"at the polls (not more than 100 words)		The selected candidate is a very senior sincere and dedicated political personality who has already been on various important positions including Elected member of Legislative Council
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)		The selected candidate is a very dynamic and dedicated political personality and the case against him is a politically motivated one. The case is long pending and party believes that there will be no adverse out come against him.

(Lokesh Ambekallu)
State Office Secretary
Bharatiya Janata Party - Karnataka

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under instructions from my client Sri. Emmanuel John, at Flat No. A9-G03, Elita Promonade Apartment, No.101,18th Main, JP Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore 560 078, I inform the Public that the Power of Attorney claimed by Sri. Shivakumar, at No.122, Jyothi Nagara, Magadi Town, Ramanagara District, Dated 05/12/2012 allegedly given by my client in respect of my client's property bearing Sy.No. 80/2A-P1 of Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore, measuring 1 Acre 20 guntas, has been revoked by my client with immediate effect. In future no one shall treat Sri.Shivakumar as Power of Attorney Holder of my client.

Sri. Sunil .S, Advocate
No. 24, IV Model House Street,
Basavangudi, Bangalore-560 004.

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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under instructions from my client Sri. Emmanuel John, at Flat No. A9-G03, Elita Promonade Apartment, No.101,18th Main, JP Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore 560 078, I inform the Public that the General Power of Attorney dated 31/05/2014 registered as Document No. SRI-4-00019-2017-18, Book No. 4, stored in CD. No. SRID205, before the Senior Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar (Srirampura), Bangalore, claimed by Mrs. Sudha Shivarame Gowda, at No. 'Sudha Mansion', No.42, 1st Cross, 7th Main, Banagiri Hill, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore 560 085, allegedly given by my client in respect of my client's property bearing Sy.No. 80/2A, situated at Kothnur Dinne Road, Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560026, measuring 1 Acre 20 guntas, has been revoked by my client with immediate effect. In future no one shall treat Mrs.Sudha Shivrame Gowda as Power of Attorney Holder of my client.

Sri. Sunil .S, Advocate
No. 24, IV Model House Street,
Basavangudi, Bangalore-560 004.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(Gati Shakti Unit/Tiruchchirappalli Division)
E-Tender Notice No: T-SG-36-I-11-2024-2025 Dt. 10.05.2024

The Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti Unit, Tiruchchirappalli Division invites online tender on behalf of The President of India, for the following works up to **14.00 hrs on 03.06.2024**

Item No.	Tender Notice No.	Name of the Work:
1.	T-SG-36-I-11-2024-2025	Alteration in the existing yard to convert Goods R&D line (Road 7) into coaching cum goods line and provision of overrun line at MS end of Road 1 at VM.

Item No	Cash Value in Lakhs of Rupees	Earnest Money Deposit Amt	Validity Offer	Closing Date & Time	Period of Completion
1	Rs. 82.42 Lakhs	Rs.1,64,900/-	60 Days	03.06.2024	9 Months.

If the date of opening of tenders happens to be a declared holiday at a later date, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the stipulated time.

The detailed Tender Notice, Tender document along with terms & conditions and if any corrigendum to tender is issued can be accessed through **https://www.ireps.gov.in/**

GST will apply as per extent norms of GOI

SOUTH INDIAN Bank

CIN: L65191KL1929PLC001017

Regional Office: SIB Arcade, #61, Wheeler Road, Cox Town, Bangalore – 560 005. Tel./ Fax No: +91 80-25479091 / 92
E-mail: ro1010@sib.co.in.
Website: www.southindianbank.com

RO-BNGL/108/SALE/REC/45/2024-25 **Date: 17.05.2024**

E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6)&9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower/guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the South Indian Bank Ltd, Branch Bangalore-Brigade Road (Secured Creditor), the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Limited (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "as is where is" basis, "as is what is" and "whatever there is" condition on **14.06.2024** for recovery of an amount of **Rs.82,56,085.93 (Rupees Eighty Two Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Eighty Five and paise ninety three Only)** as on **17.05.2024** with future interest, costs and expenses etc. thereon due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Branch Bangalore – Brigade Road (Secured Creditor), from the above mentioned Borrower(s) and guarantor(s). **(1) Mr. Ivan Pereira,** 103, First Floor, PVR Tower, Chinnappa Lane , ITC Colony, Cox Town, Jeevanahalli Main Road, Bangalore North, Fraser Town, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka, 560005. **(2) Mr. Manuel Periera,** 103, First Floor, PVR Tower, Chinnappa Lane, ITC Colony, Cox Town, Jeevanahalli Main Road, Bangalore North, Fraser Town, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka, 560005. **(3) Mrs. Ruphina Pereira,** 103, First Floor, PVR Tower, Chinnappa Lane, ITC Colony, Cox Town, Jeevanahalli Main Road, Bangalore North, Fraser Town, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka, 560005. Also at All Are Resident in Sunandamma Sumane Building, # 129, 6th Cross, Kempe Gowda Nagar, Byadrahalli, Bangalore-560091

Name of Property Owner : Mr. Manuel Pereira & Mrs. Ruphina Pereira
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of residential apartment bearing No. FF-103 in the First floor of the Apartment building called "PVR TOWERS", having a super built up area of 1073 Sq.ft with 458 sq. ft of UDS on land, right, title and interest and rights over common areas and facilities along with one covered car parking space bearing no. 103 in the Stilt Floor, constructed on the Property bearing Municipal No. 12 (Old Nos. 12 & 12/1-3, still earlier No. 126), along with all other constructions, improvements, easementary rights existing and appurtenant thereon situated in PID. No. 86-77-12/11 at Jeevanahalli Doddi Gunta, Cox Town, Civil Station, BBMP Municipal Ward No. 86, New ward No. 59 Bengaluru Taluk, Bengaluru District and owned by **Mr. Manuel Pereira & Mrs. Ruphina Pereira,** more fully described in Sale Deed No. 516/2010-2011 dated 06-07-2010 of SRO, Ulsoor, Bangalore and the land bounded on, North : Road East: Private Property South: Lakshmaiah's House West: Mutual Apartment.

Reserve Price	**Rs.52,00,000.00/-** (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs.6,00,000.00/-** (Rupees Six Lakh Only) EMD shall be deposited on or before **13.06.2024 by 04.00 PM**
Bid Increment amount	**Rs.10,000.00** (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)
Date and time of E-auction	**14.06.2024** from **11.00 AM** to **12.00 PM** (with 5 minute unlimited auto extensions till sale is concluded)
Encumbrances known to the Bank	Nil Encumbrances

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in web portal of South Indian Bank Ltd, (Secured Creditor) website i.e. **www.southindianbank.com.** Details also available at info@bankauctions.in

For any further clarification with regards to inspection of property, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of bids, kindly contact Mr. Siddesh - 9740866232.

Date : 17.05.2024
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The South Indian Bank Ltd.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government Of India Undertaking)

M C Layout Vijayanagr Branch
No. 11, 18th Cross, M C Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
TO BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, M C Layout Vijayanagar Branch** had issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers/ Mortgagors / Guarantors : (1) M/S. Jayashree Enterprises, Plot No.2 BBMP Khata No 281/45/2, Sy No.73 Vishweshwaraiah Ind Area, Krishanarajapuram Hobli, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560049 **(2) Mrs. Jayashree Harish Kundar (Proprietor),** No 797, 1st Floor, 12th Main, 1st Cross, Indiranagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560008 **(3) Mrs. Sumathi S Kundar (Guarantor),** No.26, Sri Enclave No.303, Nanjareddy Colony, Murugesh Palya, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560017 **(4) Mr. Harish Ammanna Kundar (Guarantor),** 797, 12th Main Ist Cross, HAL, 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560008.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Loan No.	Nature of Loan	Date of Sanction	Sanction Amount	O/s Liability with interest as on 04.05.2024	Rate Of Interest
042779 10001408	TL	12.02.2016	Rs. 50,00,000/-	Rs. 11,77,146.36	11.20% + 2% Penal Int

Total Liability Amount: Rs.11,77,146.36 (Rupees Eleven Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred and Forty Six and Thirty Six Paise Only) as on **04.05.2024** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs .

NPA Date : 30.04.2024 **Demand Notice Dated : 04.05.2024**

Name of Title holder : Mr. Harish Ammanna Kundar and Mrs. Jayashree Harish Kundar

Details of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of immovable residential site bearing No. 59, VP Khatha No. 126/30/27/59, in the layout **"OVAL REEF"** carved out of Sy. No. 30, situated at Poojanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, measuring East to West 60 ft and North to South 70 ft totally measuring 4200 sqft. , bounded as on : **East by:** Oval Reef Site No. 42, **West by :** Oval Reef Service Road, **North by:** Oval Reef Site No. 58, **South by :** Oval Reef Site No. 60.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 17.05.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that my client **Mrs.R.GOWRAMMA,** W/o D.Srinivasa, intends to purchase Property No.11, Old Khatha No.10/119, formed in Sy.No.10 of Kathriguppe Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Now in BBMP Limits, at present Kathriguppe revenue, PID No.54-440-11, Ward No.164, measuring East to West : 32 feet and North to South : 45 feet, in all measuring:- 1440 sqft and bounded on the: East By: Sri.Badami's property, West By: Site No.12, North By : 25 Feet Road, South By : Site No.19 from the owners **1) Mr.DINESH.G,** S/o.Late.K.Gurumurthy, **2) Mrs.CHANDRIKA.N,** W/o.Dinesh.G. Any person/s asserting any kind of right, title, interest or claims of any sort towards the Sale transaction may file their objections or claims with documentary proof thereof with the undersigned within **(7) Seven days** from the date of this publication, failing which my client will proceed to complete the transaction without being liable for any claims put forth thereof.

RAJAGOPALA NAIDU
PRASHANT N RAJ, Advocates,
No.4, 'Krishnaraja' 4th Floor, 50 Feet Road,
Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru - 560 019.
Bengaluru, Date: 17/05/2024

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

Bid No.: E-11/2024-25 **Date: 14.05.2024**

E-TENDERS

E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vender must have Class III Digital Signature and registrations on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence S.No. - Tender No. (Due Date), Description and Quantity. **S.No.: 1.** 09221338B, Global Tender (31.05.2024), Traction Motor Speed Sensor (PL No. 18080145), 301 Nos. The details of above tenders are available on **www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in** and **www.ireps.gov.in**. **CORRIGENDUM : S. No.: 1. Bid No.:** E-102, **Global Tender No.:** 10221616F Steel Crank shaft, Part No. 16140163, Revision-4, **Existing due date :** 14.05.2024, **Revised due date:** 03.06.2024, **2. Bid No.:** E-102, **Global Tender No.:** 10221005E Clevis Assembly, Part No. 16050186, Revision-4, **Existing due date : 17.05.2024, Revised due date:** 03.06.2024, **3. Bid No.:** E-102, **Global Tender No.:** 10231889 Support, Part No. 16140990, Revision-4, **Existing due date :** 17.05.2024, **Revised due date:** 03.06.2024, **4. Bid No.:** E-109, **Global Tender No.:** 10231224 Repair Kit for Injector Assembly, Part No. 16040247, Revision-3, **Existing due date :** 17.05.2024, **Revised due date:** 07.06.2024, **5. Bid No.:** E-102, **Global Tender No.:** 10222939D Bowl BY Pass Sight, Part No. 16241381, Revision-4, **Existing due date :** 14.05.2024, **Revised due date:** 04.06.2024, **6. Bid No.:** E-102, **Tender No.:** 10231875 Fuel Filter ASM, Part No. 16050174, Revision-4, **Existing due date :** 15.05.2024, **Revised due date:** 04.06.2024, **7. Bid No.:** E-102, **Global Tender No.:** 10223125B Retainer Bearing, Part No. 16150107, Revision-4, **Existing due date :** 10.05.2024, **Revised due date:** 10.06.2024. **NOTE:** All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged for above tenders.

PRO/BLW/S-11 **PRINCIPAL CHIEF MATERIAL MANAGER**

/blwvaranasi "Website : http://blw.indianrailways.gov.in"

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD.,

15/1, Hayes Centre, Hayes Road, Bangalore -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC 13 (2) OF "THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIALASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

The following person whose name is mentioned in Col No.1, The details of property mortgaged are shown in Col No.4. The borrower have defaulted in repaying the amounts due by them as shown in Col. No.3, in spite of repeated remainders, consequently these dues have been classified as NPA's as per RBI's guidelines . Notices were sent by Regd. Post to below mentioned date and that is returned / undelivered. Therefore the respective borrowers are hereby called upon to repay the outstanding amounts due mentioned against their names in Col No.3 within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which LIC Housing Finance Ltd., would be constrained to initiate proceedings under sec.13 (4) of SARFAESI Act against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereunder against the respective loan A/cs to realize the amounts due to them.

Name of the Borrower & Loan No	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount (in Rupees)	Description of the Property
Mr. Nandakumar Y K Loan No. 4002210000623	**10.04.2024**	**Rs. 10344081/- (Rupees One Crore Three Lakh Forty Four Thousand Eighty One Only)**	**Schedule Property :** All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site No.131, House List Khata No.737/698/714A/131, Kengeri Hobli, Mylasandra Village, Bangalore South Taluk, now within the limits of BBMP, Ward No.198, Khata No.1516/ 737/ 698/ 714/ 131/ 14308/ 1496, measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 sq.feet along with together with RCC Roofed 1200 sq.ft., Ground Floor and 1200 sq.ft., First Floor building, constructed using cement and Brick walls, jungle wooden doors & windows, vitrified tiles flooring, with all civic amenities, having boundaries as follows: East by: Site No.120, West by: Road, North by: Site No.130, South by: Site No.132
Mr. Gurajala Kesavalunaidu Lokesh Loan No. 4002210000073	**12.03.2024**	**Rs. 17622717/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Six Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventeen Only)**	**Schedule Property: Item No: 1** :All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khata No.7/3, Khata No.28/1, situated at Chunchaghatta Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, and Bangalore South Taluk. Previously now comes under the limits of BBMP Ward No.195, Bangalore measuring East to West: 30-0 feet and North to South: 30-0 feet totally measuring 900 sq.feet along with Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor RCC building thereon and bounded on: East by: Private Property, West by: Property No.8, North by: Property of S N Sheshagiri Rao, South by: Property No.7/2 and 7" Common passage. **Item No.2:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khata No.7/2, Khata No.28/1, situated at Chunchaghatta Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, and Bangalore South Taluk. Previously now comes under the limits of BBMP Ward No.195, Bangalore measuring East to West: 23-0 feet and North to South: 30-0 feet totally measuring 690 sq.feet along with Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor RCC building thereon and bounded on: East by: Private Property, West by: 7 Feet common passage to property No.7/1, Property No.7/3, North by: Property No.7/3, South by: Property No.7/1.

Place: Bangalore
Date:18/05/2024

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Syndicate

RAJAJINAGAR 2nd BLOCK BRANCH (DP-2698)
Bengaluru-560022

[Format-Y] E-Auction Sale Notice under SARFAESI Act 2002

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTIONS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER TO AS THE ACT).

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s particular that the under mentioned property mortgaged to **Canara Bank, Rajajinagar 2nd Block Branch (DP-2698), Bangalore,** the possession of which had been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank under Section 13(4) of the Act will be sold by E-Auction as mentioned below for recovery of under mentioned dues and applicable interest, Charges and cost etc as detailed below.

The Property described below is being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS"** under rule no.8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules (hereinafter referred to as the rules) for the recovery of the dues detailed as under:

1) Name and Address of Borrower : (1) M/s. Entologics Technologies Pvt Ltd, Reform Studio No.1427, Shivarama Karantha Nagar, 2nd stage, MCECHS Layout, 80 Feet Road, Jakkur, Bengaluru -560064, **(2) Sri. Harikrishna. A** S/o. Sri.Avadanam No.31/2, Sri Matpayonidhi, Between 9th and 10th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003, **(3) Smt. Anuradha. M** W/o. SriHarikrishna. A, No.31/2, Sri Matpayonidhi, Between 9th and 10th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru -560003, **(4) Smt. Manimala** Reform Studio No.1427, Shivarama Karantha Nagar, 2nd stage, MCECHS Layout, 80 Feet Road, Jakkur, Bengaluru -560064, **(5) Sri. Sureddy Venkata Shetty** Reform Studio No.1427, Shivarama Karantha Nagar, 2nd stage, MCECHS Layout, 80 Feet Road, Jakkur, Bengaluru -560064.

Total Amount Due :Rs. 3,22,18,743.34 (Rupees Three Crore Twenty Two Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Three and Paise Thirty Four Only) as on **01.12.2023** together with further interest, costs and expenses there on due to the **Rajajinagar 2nd Block Branch (DP-2698) of Canara Bank, Bengaluru.**

Description of the immovable Property : SCHEDULE'A' FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING: All that property measuring 36,163.87 Square Meters forming portion of vacant land bearing municipal No.26 and 26/1, New No.26/1, situated at Industrial Suburb, 'A' Block, Subramanya Nagar, Municipal Ward No.9, Rajajinagar Extension (Malleshwaram West) Bengaluru and bounded by : East : Railway Parallel Road-Yeshwanthpur Railway Lane, West Dr.Rajkumar Road and remaining portion of largest property,North: Remaining portion of Larger portion and South: Vivekananda college and Private properties.

Schedule 'B' PROPERTY (UNDIVIDED INTEREST SOLD): 236/220213th undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' Property (Which comes to 415 Square Feet of land share).

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY (APARTMENT): All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment No. H 506, on the 5th Floor of H-WING-PHOENIX, in the Residential Apartment building known as 'BRIGADE GATE WAY', built in Schedule 'A' Property and measuring 1,960 Square Feet of built up area 400 Square Feet of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, stair cases and all other areas of common use and totally measuring 2360 sq feet of super built up area with right to use Two Top covered Car parking areas in the Basement/Ground level and the Apartment is bounded on the : East by : Apartment No. H 507, in Fifth Floor in H-Wing- Phoenix in Brigade Gateway, West by : Apartment No. H 504, in the Fifth Floor in H-Wing-Phoenix in Brigade Gateway, North by : Open towards Open Space in H-Wing-Phoenix in Brigade Gateway, South by: Lobby in Fifth Floor in H-Wing-Phoenix in Brigade Gateway.

The details regarding E-Auction are Mentioned below:

Date and Time of E-Auction	21.06.2024 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM	
Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Reserve Price (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
	Rs. 382.00 Lakhs	Rs. 38.20 Lakhs
DD Favoring on (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer)	Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, Rajajinagar 2nd Block Branch (DP-2698), Bengaluru. Account No. 209272434, IFSC Code CNRB0002698 on or before 20.06.2024 - 5.00 p.m	
Bid Factor	Rs.50,000/-	
Date & Time of Inspection	20.06.2024 , 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM.	

Details of Auction service provider : M/S CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICS LTD, (Contact No. 9480691777/8553643144; E- Mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in. Contact Person Name: MR PAKHARE D / MR. RAMESH T H.

1. The EMD shall be deposited through RTGS /NEFT/ Fund Transfer to the credit of respected Accounts Mentioned above before Submitting bids online. EMD can also be paid by way of Pay Order / Demand Draft in favour of **Canara Bank** payable at Bangalore.
2. The Intending bidders should submit the duly filled in Bid from (format available in the above website) along with DD/PO/Quoting the UTR No. of NEFT / RTGS remittance towards EMD in a Sealed cover addressed to the Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, above Mentioned Address (Address of AO) so as to reach on or before above mentioned date.
3. Bidders are advised to visit the Bank's website **https://www.indianbankseauction.com** for detailed e-auction notice wherein all the terms and conditions of e-auction sale are surnished. Bidders may also visit the website of service provider or contact them as per the details given above for any clarifications / queries.
4. Intending bidders shall hold a valid Digital Signature Certificate, Active email address and PAN number.
5. The Undersigned has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or postpone/cancel the sale or modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason.
6. The sale shall be subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in the Act, Rules and the Conditions Prescribed in the detailed terms and conditions published in the website.
7. For further details contact the **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**, Above Mentioned address.

Please treat this also as a notice under rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s / Mortgar/s of the secured debt mentioned above regarding holding the said sale on the above mentioned date and time if their outstanding dues mentioned above are not re paid in full.

The interested bidders are requested to visit the bank's website for detailed terms and conditions of the auction sale which may be read as part and parcel of this advertisement.

Note : EMD Shall be stipulated at 10% of the reserve Price. * depending upon the asset of movable or immovable or both - retain the respective portion.

Date : 17.05.2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that our clients Sri.Shijin V.V. and Smt.Sheena Gopalakrishnan are the joint co-owners in possession of the schedule property described infra.

The original Rectification Deed dated 12.09.2011 and registered as document No.BNS-1-05423/2011-12, in Book-I, stored in C.D. No.BNSD112 at the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Banaswadi, Bangalore is lost/misplaced. In this connection, a complaint has been lodged on 15.05.2024 through online vide Lost Report No.1053765/2024, before the Karnataka State Police.

Any person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within 7 days from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and they shall be doing so at their own costs and risks.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Flat bearing Unit No.202, on the Second Floor in the multistoried building known as "SLV ENCLAVE", constructed and erected on Property bearing BBMP Katha No.15/702/1, comprised in residentially converted (duly converted vide conversion order dated 17.11.2008 bearing No.BDS/ALN/E SR/(KR.HO) 17/2008-09 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) land bearing Sy. No.70/2, situated at Thanisandra Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore with 459 Square Feet of undivided share in land and having 1365 Square Feet of super built-up area along with one covered car parking space and the total property is bounded as follows, on the

East by : Private Property
West by : Private Property
North by : Private Property
South by : 30 Feet Road

M/s.MA & CO
#2934/B, 1st Floor, M.K.K. Road, "D" Block, Rajajinagar II Stage,
Bangalore - 560010
Contact Nos.6362653681 & 8095521852.

Central Bank of India
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Jaraganahalli Branch
 # 1, 1st Cross, Rajiv Gandhi Road, Jaraganahalli, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore-560078.
E-mail : bmbang3693@centralbank.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE under (Rule 8 (1)] SARFAESI Rule

Whereas, the Authorised officer of the **Central Bank of India, Jarganhalli Branch** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) and 13 (12) read with the Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **30.12.2023** calling upon the **borrower : Mr. U S Thyagaraj and Mrs Jyothi Thyagaraj**, R/o. Number 32, Sri Lakshmi Nivas, 6th A Cross, Banglore-560030 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 4,22,454.73** (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Four and Seventy Three Paisae only) (which represents the principal plus interest due as on the 29.12.2023), plus interest and other charges from 29.12.2023 to till date within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to pay the entire dues of the bank, notice is hereby given to the borrower, the Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002 on this **15th day of May 2024.**

The borrower and the Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to charge of **Central Bank of India,** for the amount of **Rs. 4,22,454.73** (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Four hundred and Fifty Four and seventy three paisae only) (which represents the principal plus interest due as on the 29.12.2023), plus interest and other charges from 29.12.2023.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description Of The Immovable Property : All the piece and parcel of land at door number 32 site number 50, BBMP Khatha No 50, in Sy Number 32/3, Sree Lakhsmi Nivas , 6th cross , Banglore, Mahanagara phalike ward number 70 situated at, Anepalaya, Banglore and measuring East to west 22 and 1/2 feet and north to south 20 feet in all measuring 450 sqft. With **Boundaries : East by :** Private porperty, **West by :** 8ft passage, **North by :** Noorjahan property, **South by :** Noorjahan property.

Date : 15.05.2024
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-Authorised Officer
Central Bank of India

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Asset Recovery Management Branch,
1st Floor, FKCCI Building,
Kempegowda Road,
Bengaluru-560009

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E-Mail : blr.arm@ktkbank.com
Website : https://karnatakabank.com
CIN : L85110KA1924PLC001128

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued the Demand Notices, details of which are mentioned hereunder, calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors/co-obligants mentioned therein to repay the total amount mentioned in the demand notice along with future interest within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices.

1. **Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants :– (1) Mrs. Bharathi M,** W/o Gopi N, **(2) Mr. Gopi N,** S/o Narayanappa, **Both are addressed at :** No.16, Raj Nivas, 1st Cross, Behind Durgaparameshwari Temple, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru – 560097, **Both are also at :** Flat No.FF-101, First Floor, "Triguna Palm Grove" Apartments, Agrahara Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru – 560064.

Branch Name: Bengaluru – Ashoknagar **Date of Demand Notice: 23.02.2024**

Amount Demanded: Rs.25,13,912.68 [Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve and Paisa Sixty Eight Only] under PSTL A/c No.0537001800032901 along with future interest from 30.01.2024.

Date of taking Possession: 15.05.2024

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.25,86,667.68 [Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven and Paisa Sixty Eight Only] under PSTL A/c No.0537001800032901 along with future interest from 30.04.2024 , plus costs.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of **Residential Flat No.FF-101 (3 BHK), in the first floor of the apartment known as "Triguna Palm Grove"**, bearing BBMP Khatha No.229/30/1-7-FF-101, having **super built up area of 1259 Sq.ft, along with 622 Sq.ft** of undivided right, title, interest and ownership in the land and one covered car parking in the stilt floor of the building, constructed on residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.30/1, situated at Agrahara Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru , **belonging to Mrs. Bharathi M. Boundaries of property as per Document : East :** Land bearing Sy.No.30/2, belonging to Sri. Chikka Byrappa, **West :** Remaining land in Sy.No.30/1, **North :** Balance portion of land in property bearing Sy.No.30/1 and **South :** Road and property belonging to Sri. Chandrashekar. **Boundaries of Flat : East :** Entrance / Corridor, **West :** Open to Sky, **North :** Open to Sky and then Road, **South :** Open to Sky and then Flat No.FF-102.

2. **Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants : (1) Mrs. Mangala U,** W/o Raghu V, **(2) Mr. Raghu V ,** S/o Vasanthappa, **Both are addressed at :** Site No's 11 & 12, PID No.072-W0171-2/1, BBMP Khatha No.2385, Sy.No.161/3 of Herohalli Village, 5th Cross, Andrahalli Main Road, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru – 560091, **Both are also at :** Site No's 8, 9, 10 , BBMP Khatha No.988/08, 09 & 10, Sy.No.163/1 of Herohalli Village, Andrahalli Main Road, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru – 560091.

Branch Name: Bengaluru – Mahalakshmipuram **Date of Demand Notice: 19.02.2024**

Amount Demanded: Rs.4,67,77,682.00 [Rupees Four Crores Sixty Seven Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Two Only] i.e Rs.1,19,41,717.00 under TL A/c No.1127001600356701 along with future interest from 25.01.2024 and Rs.3,48,35,965.00 under TL A/c No.1127001600356801 along with future interest from 30.01.2024

Date of taking Possession: 15.05.2024

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.4,83,83,156.00 [Rupees Four Crores Eighty Three Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Six Only] i.e Rs.1,22,31,927.00 under TL A/c No.1127001600356701 along with future interest from 25.04.2024 and Rs.3,61,51,229.00 under TL A/c No.1127001600356801 along with future interest from 30.04.2024, plus costs.

Description of the Immovable Properties : [Item No.1] All that part and parcel of the property bearing **Site No's 11 & 12, PID No.072-W0171-2/1,** formed in converted land bearing Sy.No.161/3 of Herohalli Village, measuring 2880 Sq.ft [East to West – 64 feet and North to South – 45 feet], with Residential building constructed thereon, situated at 5th Cross, Andrahalli Main Road, Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru , **belonging to Mrs. Mangala U. Boundaries as per Document : East** : Site No.13, **West** : Road, **North** : Road, **South** : Site No's 14 & 15.

[Item No.2] All that part and parcel of Residential Vacant Site properties bearing **Site No's 8, 9 & 10,** totally measuring 3600 Sq.ft as per document [East to West – 90 feet and North to South – 40 feet] , 3440 Sq.ft as per actual, having BBMP Khatha No. 988/08, 09 & 10 , formed in Sy.No.163/1 of Herohalli Village, situated at Andrahalli Main Road, Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru, belonging to Mrs. Mangala U. **Boundaries as per Document : East** : Site No.11, **West** : Andrahalli Main Road, **North** : Private Property, **South** : Road.

3. **Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants : (1) M/s Medicene Point, Represented by its Proprietrix Mrs. Bharathi M, Addressed at :** No.127, Ground Floor, Ananthapura Circle, Yelahanka, Bengaluru – 560064, **(2) Mrs. Bharathi M,** W/o Gopi N, **(3) Mr. Gopi N,** S/o Narayanappa, **Both 2 & 3 are addressed at :** No.16, Raj Nivas, 1st Cross, Behind Durgaparameshwari Temple, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru – 560097, **Both 2 & 3 are also addressed at :** Flat No.FF-101, First Floor, "Triguna Palm Grove" Apartments, Agrahara Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru – 560064 .

Branch Name: Bengaluru – Ashoknagar **Date of Demand Notice: 23.02.2024**

Amount Demanded: Rs.25,50,179.50 [Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Fifty Thousand One Hundred Seventy Nine and Paisa Fifty Only] under PSOD A/c No.0537000600067301 along with future interest from 01.02.2024

Date of taking Possession: 15.05.2024

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.25,38,545.50 [Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Forty Five and Paisa Fifty Only] under PSOD A/c No.0537000600067301 along with future interest from 01.05.2024 , plus costs.

Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of Residential **Flat No.FF-101 (3 BHK),** in the first floor of the apartment known as **"Triguna Palm Grove"**, bearing BBMP Khatha No.229/30/1-7-FF-101, having super built up area of 1259 Sq.ft, along with 622 Sq.ft of undivided right, title, interest and ownership in the land and one covered car parking in the stilt floor of the building, constructed on residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.30/1, situated at Agrahara Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru , **belonging to Mrs. Bharathi M.**

Boundaries of property as per Document : East : Land bearing Sy.No.30/2, belonging to Sri. Chikka Byrappa, **West** : Remaining land in Sy.No.30/1, **North** : Balance portion of land in property bearing Sy.No.30/1 and **South** : Road and property belonging to Sri. Chandrashekar. **Boundaries of Flat : East** : Entrance / Corridor , **West** : Open to Sky, **North** : Open to Sky and then Road, **South** : Open to Sky and then Flat No.FF-102.

4. **Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants : (1) Mr. Raghavendra M,** S/o Mr. H Mariyappa, **(2) Mrs. Chinnamma,** W/o Mr. H Mariyappa, **Both are addressed at :-** No.40, 6th Cross, Balaji Layout, Ward No.8, Khata No. 195/582/N/58, Kodigehalli, Bengaluru-560092, **Both are also addressed at:** No. 49, 6th Cross, Kodigehalli, Balaji Layout, Bengaluru-560092, **Both are also at:** No. 38, GF-01, 6th Cross, Balaji Layout, Kodigehalli, Bengaluru-560092.

Branch Name: Bengaluru – Sahakaranagar **Date of Demand Notice: 21.02.2024**

Amount Demanded: Rs. 49,53,157.76 [Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Seven and Paisa Seventy Six Only] under PSOD A/c. No. 1217000600023401 along with future interest from 01.02.2024

Date of taking Possession: 15.05.2024

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs. 49,76,356.76 [Rupees Forty Nine Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Six and Paisa Seventy Six Only] under PSOD A/c No. 1217000600023401 along with future interest from 01.05.2024, plus costs.

Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the Residential Property **bearing No. 58,** Old Panchayatha Khata No.582/N/58, having BBMP Khatha No. 195/582/N/58, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, admeasuring 1200 sq.ft. together with residential building (Stilt+GF+FF+SF+TF) constructed thereon situated at Kodigehalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru -560092 **belonging to Mr. Raghavendra M. Boundaries of property: East by:** Road; **West by:** Site No.61; **North by:** Site No.57; **South by:** Site No.59.

The borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties, as described herein above, in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **15.05.2024**

The borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned herein above and any dealings with the said properties will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd.,** for amounts as described herein above.

[The attention of the borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors co-obligants is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 15.05.2024

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

EDITORIAL

"Economists talk about puzzles that are not really puzzles and promote myths to justify policies and actions that may otherwise be resisted" — Imad Moosa

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— Ramnath Goenka

STRONGER TRADE TIES CAN STAVE OFF GLOBAL HEADWINDS

INDIA'S trade deficit widened to a four-month high in April, led largely by a surge in gold and oil imports. While exports saw a dismal 1.07 percent growth to $35 billion, imports jumped 10.25 percent to $54.1 billion, widening the deficit to $19.1 billion. If gold imports tripled to $3.11 billion, oil imports rose by a fifth over last year. Besides these two, a basket of 14 other imported commodities including pulses, fruits, vegetables and electronics saw an uptick. At the same time, the export of as many as 17 of the top 30 items including engineering goods, gems and jewellery contracted. Analysts caution that the rupee and the current account deficit (CAD) could come under pressure if the export-import imbalance continues. According to initial estimates, the CAD may print upwards of 1 percent in 2024-25 from an estimated 0.8 percent in 2023-24 should oil and gold prices remain high. Add to this the volatile capital flows and uncertainty over US interest rate cuts, and the rupee could be pushed close to 84 against the dollar.

Indian exports, like for most other nations, are being impacted by the global slowdown, tightening of interest rates, and a slack in business, investment and trade. Complicating matters, geopolitical challenges like the West Asia and Ukraine conflicts and the Red Sea crisis are affecting global trade, particularly for emerging economies. However, official data also showed India's exports surged to as many as 115 countries—accounting for 46.5 percent of our export basket—out of the total 238 destinations in 2023-24. Exports to the top 10 destinations rose 13 percent, with the UAE emerging as the primary export hub. If exports to Singapore, China and the UK saw a healthy double-digit growth, others like Russia, Romania and Albania saw exponential growth, indicating scope to improve our competitiveness.

Strengthening trade relations will help sustain the export momentum despite the looming global uncertainties. Initiatives such as production-linked incentives and the Make in India campaign, which have seen remarkable growth, particularly in smartphone exports, should be extended to more products. The government must continuously revise trade strategies, prioritise domestic production and actively pursue free-trade agreements to enhance exports. The recent pacts with the UAE and Australia expanded access to those markets. More such agreements should be forged to facilitate trade growth.

A BAD NEIGHBOUR ON WASTE MANAGEMENT

KERALA has been a habitual offender when it comes to illegal dumping of waste, including biomedical waste, in border villages and forests of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. While the decades-old practice has been the cause of inter-state tensions and anger among the affected people, Kerala has done little to put an end to it. Even its recent decision to install GPS trackers on vehicles deployed for interstate transportation of waste has come at the prodding of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), which has taken up a *suo motu* case based on reports. That dumping is continuing is symptomatic of the systemic failure to deal with the waste generated and underlines the urgent need to address the inadequacies.

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), which was tasked by the NGT to investigate, has pointed out significant gaps in Kerala's solid waste management system. It found that Kerala is equipped to handle only 30 percent of the waste it generates. In a report, the CPCB criticised the state government and Clean Kerala Company, a government agency set up to ensure scientific handling of waste, for being irresponsible and lacking adequate infrastructure. The report also highlighted lapses in the collection of biomedical waste and its handling by unlicensed operators, encouraging an illegal waste flow that has become a hazardous burden for the state's neighbours. It also talked about the absence of a system to monitor waste movement at the state borders and suggested an action plan that included the setting up of adequate treatment and disposal facilities, and better management of biomedical waste.

When the 2023 fire at the Brahmapuram dump yard in Kochi brought to light the enormity of waste management challenges Kerala is facing, several plans were hastily chalked out. But one year on, the state still does not have answers to those challenges. As a responsible state, it must equip itself to handle the waste generated within. Dumping it elsewhere does not make for good neighbourly behaviour. More importantly, endangering lives through reckless disposal of toxic waste is downright criminal. Those indulging in it should be severely dealt with—the action should go beyond seizing trucks and arresting drivers to punishing the establishments and agencies responsible. Kerala must take the suggestions seriously and put its waste management system in order in the interest of itself and its neighbours.

QUICK TAKE

HUNT FOR THE NEXT CHHETRI

AFTER Bhaichung Bhutia, Sunil Chhetri has straddled Indian football like a colossus. With 94 goals in 150 international matches, he is next only to Cristiano Ronaldo, Ali Daei and Leo Messi in scoring for his country. Chhetri's leadership on pitch and in the dressing room has been invaluable for generations of coaches. Now that he has announced he will retire at age 39 after the next World Cup qualifier against Kuwait, the hunt for a new goal-getter should acquire urgency. It will be a daunting task to fill Chhetri's boots and the horizon looks unsure. Will Liston Colaco, Manvir Singh or Anirudh Thapa be able to step up?

Low-cost attacks are today forcing better-equipped forces to spend substantial resources for limited military gains. This is affecting the global economy like never before

THE ECONOMICS OF ATTRITION CHANGING WARS

SATYAJIT DAS
Former banker and author

MODERN warfare—with its interplay of industry, economics and geopolitics—is too dangerous to leave to generals. War requires massive amounts of equipment, munitions and manpower. Allied success in the two 20th-century world wars was founded on superior industrial capabilities. Western powers are currently struggling to match Russia and China in producing arms for its client states. The US and allies have downgraded heavy manufacturing essential for weaponry in favour of consumer goods and services. In contrast, their opponents have prioritised military manufacturing and maintaining inventories for conflict. Western industrial ecosystems, frequently privatised, now lack the capacity and surge capability.

Economics underlies the ability to sustain conflict. Western-equipped Ukraine and Israel possess superior conventional firepower. But asymmetric warfare and low-tech improvisation using cheap drones and missiles can alter the balance, especially by calibrating escalation of hostilities.

Israel expended an estimated $1.4 billion in munitions and fuel (around 6 percent of its annual defence budget) to repulse Iran's choreographed attack that cost perhaps $30 million. The Houthis in Yemen have disrupted transport routes using cheap drones. Al-Qaeda's 911 operation costing less than $500,000 resulted in trillions in losses when the cost of ongoing defence and security spending is considered.

A 'boys with toys' syndrome drives a touchingfaith in expensive high-tech weapons. The difficult-to-maintain-and-operate F35 jets cost around $150 million each. The Patriot air defence system costs over $1 billion, with each interceptor missile costing a further $6-10 million. Heavy battle tanks are $6-10 million each. Individual artillery rounds cost $3,000-5,000. Western weapons are frequently double the cost of Russian and Chinese equivalents. Many have proved ineffective under actual battle conditions as the enemy adjusts its tactics.

Large quantities of low-cost weapons can make better-equipped forces expend substantial resources for limited gains. The objective is to economically weaken the enemy and stretch conflict against opponents with limited appetite for long wars. As Russian leader Joseph Stalin understood, quantity has quality of its own.

Degrading the ability to finance military action is essential. Russia's targeting of industrial and agricultural infrastructure combined with the displacement of manpower has reduced Ukrainian output by 30-35 percent. The cost of rebuilding is around $500 billion. Ukraine will need to restructure the country's $20 billion international debt to avoid default.

SOURAV ROY

Obliteration of the impoverished, aid-reliant Gaza is economically pointless except to drive residents out, paving the way ultimately for Jewish settlement. In contrast, Israel's economy has shrunk, by perhaps 20 percent. Loss of cheap Palestinian labour has crippled construction and agriculture. The call-up of reservists for military service and a flight of talent has disrupted its industries. Israel's northern border skirmishes have necessitated the evacuation of around 60,000 Israelis, resulting in economic dislocation and relocation costs. The $50-billion-plus cost to date (10 percent of GDP) of the conflict has substantially increased Israel's debt and its credit rating has been downgraded.

Ukraine and Israel are reliant on Western backers. The US, NATO and their allies have provided Ukraine with over $175 billion in military, financial and humanitarian aid, primarily financed by government borrowings. Many European nations are in breach of EU-mandated debt limits. Since its founding, Israel, despite its high income, has been the largest cumulative recipient of US foreign aid—$300 billion (adjusted for inflation) in total economic and military assistance and loan guarantees. Lip-service to freedom and holocaust guilt notwithstanding, donors cannot afford this. Support is also at risk from domestic laws prohibiting military assistance to nations who violate human rights.

The weaponisation of economics is commonplace. But sanctions on Russia have been ineffective as many nations have helped circumvent them due to financial and ideological incentives. Decades of isolation and wariness of the West mean Russia and China are self-sufficient autarkies with limited dependence on external supply chains. Globally integrated economies, such as Israel, are more vulnerable to reduced foreign investment and sanctions as apartheid South Africa discovered.

Attempts to weaken an enemy economically can backfire. US weapons production is now constrained by supplies of titanium and rare earths from enemies. Having sought to restrict Russian energy output, the West finds itself trying to suppress prices. As the Gaza war shows, economics and geopolitics can intersect with unpredictable long-term consequences.

Regional instability has reduced tourism and traffic through the Suez Canal. Saudi Arabia has experienced difficulty in attracting foreign investment in the NEOM megaproject. An exodus of Palestinians into Egypt and Jordan would destabilise their economies. Affected nations want an urgent solution. The US pushed for Saudi Arabia to normalise relations with Israel, reducing the threat from an united Arab front. Saudi Arabia might get a defence pact with the US and support for nuclear ambitions. It would improve its access to overseas investment and Israeli tech as well as offsetting Iran's regional influence.

The real unstated imperative is protection of Arab monarchies and their wealth in the West. Given that over 90 percent of their population support the Palestinian cause, a perceived betrayal risks a new 'Arab Spring'. With rising domestic tensions requiring increasing repressive counter-measures in the Gulf, Egypt and Jordan, civil conflict and the fall of unpopular hereditary regimes is not inconceivable.

Such instability, which investors do not countenance, poses serious risks to global economy. The Gulf states hold 30 percent and 21 percent of global oil and natural gas reserves, respectively. Energy prices would be affected, especially if weaponised as in the 1970s. It would affect Suez Canal trade. Since the start of the Gaza war, the cost of transporting a container from China to Europe has quadrupled from $1,000 to $4,000 and added up to two weeks in travel time.

But if the Arab states unite against Israel, then an escalation in the conflict is also possible, with similar outcomes. Terror actions by non-state actors against Western targets is an ever-present risk.

As Sun Tzu outlined in the *Art of War*, those wishing to fight must first understand the cost.

(Views are personal)

TRANSMOGRIFYING TAXONOMY OF TURNCOATS & TRANSPOLITICALS

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Senior journalist

REVERSE SWING

JK Rowling, the creator of Harry Potter, is in the middle of a row after refusing to acknowledge or respect some prominent transgenders who turned female. She invited outrage after describing successful transwoman football manager Lucy Clark as a "straight, white, middle-aged bloke".

I don't want to wade into transgender politics, but I do see in the middle of general elections in India that the prefix 'trans' has many uses. I am reminded of a fancy new term for a broke person who loves to spend—transfinancial, a rich person trapped in a poor person's body.

That is inspiration enough for me to arrive at a new term: transpolitical. A transpolitical is someone who is seen to be from one political tribe but traipses over into another with a new sense of identity. My favourite example this season is V Karthikeya Pandian, the Tamilian-born IAS-officer-turned-politician who is making waves in Odisha as heir apparent to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. The BJP is suddenly upset about the loss of 'Odia *asmita*' or identity, but Pandian, mixing a Tamilian penchant for alliteration and rhyme with his love of all things Odia, declared: "I am Indian by birth, Odia by breath."

Pandian is fluent in Odia and originally from Tamil Nadu, whose chief electoral officer Satyabrata Sahu is an Odia who speaks fluent Tamil, and like Pandian, an IAS officer. Rather than a transpolitical, Sahu is more a transferable bureaucrat.

But you cannot confuse transpoliticals with turncoats, who are a different lot and much in the news. Transpoliticals are simply those who identify differently, while turncoats are prone to defection. And turncoat is too broad a term. I propose to classify them into various types. You cannot just say "blue" when there is royal blue, navy blue, sky blue and turquoise blue. So, here is a nuanced taxonomy of defectors.

The most common member of the turncoat species is the opportunist, who jumps ship when he sees there is no future in the party for him. The sophisticated way to do this is to say the party leadership is inaccessible. A finer member of the species is someone who suddenly wakes up from a long sleep to declare that one's party is no longer what one thought it was. Sample: ex-Congressmen who defect on the ground that the party is against wealth creators. When this discovery takes place long after politically-linked tycoons are slammed, you may well call them trance-politicals, as they seem to be waking up from a long slumber. We might call them Rip Van Uncles, after Rip Van Winkle, but that would not be Bharatiya enough. For me, they are political Kumbhakarans. Now, that works better.

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When political loyalties are traded like players at an IPL auction, we need a nuanced understanding of their categories. A sub-species of the Politicus Kumbhakaranus, those who suddenly wake up to realise they're on the wrong ship, is the spokesperson who discovers vices where he earlier saw virtues

A sub-species of the Politicus Kumbhakaranus is someone who used to be a party spokesperson and suddenly discovers vices where he saw virtues. The Congress has lost at least three spokespersons this year to quick-fix defection. On a closer look, you find the defectors were in the party not for ideological commitment, but more for their articulation skills in prime-time shouting matches. Like lawyers, they simply settle for the better client. We may call them Client Servers—but not to be confused with network computers of a similar description.

Then there is the Vote Banker. This is a tricky variety. They are identified with any one political party at a given time, but are committed members of their caste, community, region or constituency. They switch party loyalties but stay true to their tribe. You can think of leaders of Vanniyars in Tamil Nadu, Lingayats in Karnataka, and some chosen members of the OBCs in northern states whose loyalties are traded like players at an IPL auction.

Then come individuals who switch sides when they find political equations have changed to hurt their personal ambitions. Arvinder Singh Lovely in Delhi, who used to be with the BJP, moved to the Congress, and is now back in the BJP. He says this is his last stop, but we will wait to see if his guarantee works. Given their revolving-door politics, I am tempted to describe his kind as the Revolver. But that's a misnomer for those who are neither going great guns nor shooting straight from their hips. It is best to call them the AyaGayas, in eternal remembrance of the politicos who ushered in the '*Aya* Ram, *gaya* Ram' culture in Indian politics. Their contribution to the business of tourist resorts also needs to be recognised as this is the type that gets herded into luxury spots even as rival parties fret headcounts in confidence votes. I won't call them Reverse Swingers, though, as you never know which way is reverse.

The Oscar for defections must go to the type I call Asset Managers. Don't confuse them with the professionals who manage your mutual funds or shares. These are the ones who manage their personal assets by switching sides. You can picture industrialists who switch party affiliations to make sure their wealth is not targeted by law enforcers. However, my favourite in this category is a former minister who was dubbed by a famous journalist as 'Bungalow Bill' after a Beatles number. His theory was that this politician's loyalties depended on which party was best placed to help him retain his sprawling bungalow in the heart of Lutyens' Delhi.

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MP's modesty

Ref: *FIR filed against Kejri aide Bibhav* (May 17). It doesn't behove a leader like Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal to keep mum when a woman MP of his own party was assaulted by one of his male lieutenants. The government has to ensure immediate action against all and sundry in such cases involving offences against the modesty of women.
Ullattil Pakiteeri Raghunathan, Thrissur

Late action

It is a shame that Kejriwal did not hand over the accused to the police soon after the incident. Now an FIR has been lodged. It is a clear case of molestation. If this is the plight of a sitting MP in the hands of the political class, the less said about the plight of an ordinary woman, the better.
Sravana Ramachandran, Chennai

Medical negligence

Ref: *Tongue for a finger! Doc botches up kid's surgery* (May 17). It is really tragic for the victim and her family. Medical negligence is increasing of late. Operation on the wrong eye, a failed tubectomy, and similar cases have come to the fore. The government must take cognisance of the situation and set right things before it goes out of control.
NR Ramachandran, Chennai

Sullied reputation

It is terrible that the doctor in question, without even verifying what the child was admitted in the hospital for, recklessly operated on the tongue instead of finger. This speaks volumes about his integrity about the profession. Having such negligent doctors will sully the image of the noble profession. The hospital authorities defending him is also quite shocking.
H P Murali, Bengaluru

Questionable conduct

The Election Commission's delay in publishing voting numbers and reluctance to engage in media conferences is not a good sign. It appears they have become puppets of the ruling government.
Shihab Kattathar, Puttur

Judiciary's role

The Supreme Court's decision to release Prabir Purkayastha, founder of NewsClick, underscores the judiciary's vital role in upholding constitutional rights, particularly the right to life and personal liberty. By invalidating his arrest and remand under the UAPA due to procedural lapses, the court has reinforced the principle that even in cases involving serious allegations, due process and the right to be informed of the grounds for arrest cannot be compromised.
Shami S N, Uppinangady

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath
Lalu ji says that all the reservation for backward classes should be given to Muslims. They are making a mockery of the constitution.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
The total disconnect between Modi's speech's and people's lived reality has reached levels of surreal existentialism! A sure sign of defeat.

Priyanka Vadra @priyankagandhi
Another paper has been leaked in Uttar Pradesh. Leaking of paper of every exam is the guarantee of the BJP government.

'INDIA bloc will get 300 seats, all set to form govt after June 4'

People are fed up with BJP government which doesn't talk about real issues such as jobs, price rise, farm distress, claims AICC general secretary Venugopal

AICC general secretary (organisation) **K C Venugopal** claims that the INDIA bloc will win 300 seats and form the government after June 4. He tells **Preetha Nair** that all the constitutional bodies have been compromised under the BJP government and also accuses the Election Commission of being biased against Opposition parties. **Excerpts:**

After the four phases, the INDIA alliance has been exuding confidence that the tide is in your favour. What is your assessment?
We are confident that the INDIA alliance will get 300 seats and we will form the government after the election. The general mood in the Hindi heartland has changed in favour of the INDIA alliance. In the southern states, we are far ahead of the BJP. Out of the 28 seats in Karnataka, we expect to get a two-third majority. We secured only three seats in Telangana in the 2019 elections, bit this time we will get 11-12 seats. In Kerala, the Congress will sweep the elections. The BJP will get zero seats in Tamil Nadu, and the alliance will sweep. In Maharashtra, too, the Maha Vikas Aghadi is poised to get at least half of the total seats. In Bihar also, we will score very well. In Uttar Pradesh, the BJP will lose 15-20 seats and the INDIA may get around 40 seats. Our calculation is that we may get 10 seats in Rajasthan and 5-6 in Haryana.

But the BJP claims that it has crossed 270-mark after the four phases...
In the beginning of the election, PM Modi set a target of 400 seats for the BJP. But the ground reality is entirely different. Now the BJP realised that it is losing many seats that it has won last time. The party is in panic. That is why the PM resorted to low-level attacks on secularism and religious identities. This hasn't happened in the history of Indian politics. Elections will come and go. But people have to live together. The PM is the first person to think about that. But unfortunately, there is no thinking from his side. If they are confident of getting 400 seats, why are they stopping to such levels? They are only talking about polarisation agendas. There is

no talk of pressing issues such as unemployment, price rise, women's safety or agrarian crisis. People are fed up with this government.

Do you see a repeat of 2004 this time?
I would say that it will be a repeat of the 2009 elections.

The government granted citizenship to its first batch of 14 refugees under the Citizenship Amendment Act on Wednesday. PM Modi said nobody can remove CAA. What is your party's position on this?
The PM doesn't want to talk about the real issues in this election. We don't want to follow his agenda. Our position is that we will give citizenship to genuine people who deserve citizenship. Their agenda is to divide the people based on religion and communities, The CAA was passed in 2019 and they framed the rules after five years in 2024, Now in the middle of the election, they implemented it.

The Congress is contesting fewer seats than ever in this election to accommodate INDIA bloc partners. Will the party make compromises if the INDIA bloc wins this election?
This is a hypothetical question. I don't want to comment on that. We made sacrifices to reduce the maximum number of seats for the BJP. We have made sacrifices during the process of alliance discussions. Our country is going through a dangerous period under this government. Entire constitutional bodies have been compromised including the Election Commission of India. The Prime Minister is making hate speeches daily and the EC is a mute spectator. The EC is only there to act against the Opposition parties.

PM Modi said that if the INDIA bloc gets a majority to form a government then the alliance has plans of appointing five Prime Ministers with one PM every year. This brings up the question of the PM's face for the alliance..
The PM is making such statements out of desperation. We will decide our PM candidate within 24 hours of the announcement of results. The new PM will rule for five years.

Is Congress pitching for Rahul Gandhi as PM face?
This is not the time to talk about it. After winning the election, we will sit together and decide the Prime Minister candidate

The PM has been attacking the Congress with allegations of appeasing Muslims and being anti-Hindu. He claimed that 15% of the UPA government's budget was for Muslims.
How can the Prime Minister tell such lies to the country? He's talking about the Muslim community and the Congress wants to ask him what he has given to the Hindus. The majority of the Indian youth are Hindus and are unemployed. Take the case of farmers, women and others..I don't want to talk like the BJP, But for the sake of argument, I want to ask them. He is only concerned about two or three Hindus like Adani and Ambani.

PM Modi says that Congress will provide reservations to Muslims from the quotas earmarked for the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs),
At least four leaders of the BJP have spoken about changing the constitution if they get 400 seats in this election. Their idea is to give away this reservation system. When we complained to the Election Commission, then the BJP turned the table on us by saying that we will take away the SC/ST reservation. No one can change the OBC, SC/ST reservation system. We won't allow it, come what may.

Will we see Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Congress top leaders campaigning together in the coming phases?
State leaders are focusing on state-level programmes. There is no combined INDIA leaders programme anywhere. In Uttar Pradesh, we have an alliance with Samajwadi Party. That is why we are having joint programmes with Akhilesh today. Whenever we have joint programmes in Delhi, we will join the AAP leaders.

Time to redraw logistical map of world: Jaishankar

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar at the CII Summit in New Delhi on Friday | PTI

THE time has come to start re-engineering the logistical map of the world, external affairs minister S Jaishankar said while speaking at an event organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry on Friday.

"The world is today paradoxically rebuilding itself even as it is being disrupted. While new production and consumption centres emerged in the last few decades, there is an accompanying compulsion to create similar logistical corridors. From an Indian perspective, the time has now come to start re-engineering the logistical map of the world. Some steps have already been taken, such as the International North-South Transport Corridor that also involves the Chabahar port. A more ambitious project is on the anvil in the form of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor, which was agreed upon during the G20 Summit last September," Jaishankar said.

The minister said India aspires to go up to the Baltic and even Atlantic, through various corridors. "The resumption of work on the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway in the East will provide us access all the way to the Pacific. We are even examining the viability of polar routes, initially with the Chennai-Vladivostok corridor. Think of the game-changing implications that they all contain, and the importance of diplomatically carrying others in our quest for economic betterment," he added.

Jaishankar stated that the world is currently experiencing the 3F crisis — of fuel, food and fertilisers. He said that in Asia, new tensions have emerged in land and sea as agreements are dishonoured and the Rule of Law disregarded.

"Terrorism and extremism have started to consume those who have long practiced it. In many ways, we are actually going through the perfect storm," the minister remarked.

"For long, we have looked at Russia from a political or security perspective. As Russia turns eastward, fresh economic opportunities are presenting themselves. The spike in our trade and the new areas of cooperation are not a temporary phenomenon. Several other recent partnerships — such as those with Australia and Latin America, in addition to the established partnerships with Indonesia, Africa and West Asia — also offer similar possibilities," Jaishankar explained.

The use of credit lines and grants to familiarise the world with Indian products and capabilities will also deepen, the minister said, adding that there is the larger branding of the attractions of today's India that will make a case to the world of the benefits of partnership.

8th Naval veteran's return from Doha rests on clearing travel ban issues

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

THE onus of the return of the eighth Indian naval veteran, Commander Purnendu Tiwari, from Doha rests on him as he has to clear formalities that led to a travel ban, an official said.

"There are certain formalities that Commander Tiwari has to complete and he has to do it on his own. Once he clears it he will be back. You may recall that he is a free man (like the other seven naval veterans) and is living in Doha," said Ministry of External Affairs spokesman Randhir Jaiswal.

Eight naval veterans, who were employed with Dhara Consultancies in Doha, were picked up by Qatar's interior ministry on August 30, 2022. What followed was a long and arduous process of waiting for release from detention which began with solitary confinement.

They were chargesheeted and death penalty was announced for all eight which was later converted into jail sentences. However, in what is being considered as a diplomatic coup, all eight were released on February 12. Seven naval veterans returned the same night. Commander Tiwari, though freed, had to stay on due to a travel ban.

No relief for Soren as SC refuses to pass order on interim bail petition

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE Supreme Court on Friday refrained from passing an order on the interim bail petition of former Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren.

Soren, who is jailed in connection with a money laundering case linked to an alleged land scam, had moved the top court challenged his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate, after the Jharkhand High Court rejected his plea.

The two-judge Supreme Court bench comprising Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta said it needed to prima facie satisfy itself before granting bail to him. It also sought a response from the ED on Soren's plea by May 20.

Senior lawyer Kapil Sibal, appearing for Soren, pleaded for interim bail in the case to enable him to campaign during the ongoing Lok Sabha elections.

"I seek bail on parity with Arvind Kejriwal," he told the bench, adding that if granted the bail, the JMM leader will surrender on June 2.

"There is no material against me in the case. Elections will be over, if not granted interim bail," Sibal said.

Sibal and senior advocate Arunabh Chowdhury, also appearing for Soren in the matter, said the JMM leader is not in possession of the land in question in the case and has nothing to do with it.

Additional Solicitor General S V Raju, appearing on behalf of the ED, said Soren was arrested long ago and he has not even challenged the dismissal of his regular bail application.

The Additional Solicitor General, stating that Soren was directly involved in the case, sought more time for the probe agency to respond to the plea, which the court allowed.

"Let him (Raju) file all the documents, I can demonstrate in five minutes that the petitioner has nothing to do with the said land," Sibal said. "Before granting interim bail, we need to satisfy ourselves. Let the Enforcement Directorate file its reply on the question of interim bail. We will take up the matter next week. This is the shortest time we can give," the bench said.

Refusing to pass an interim order, the bench listed Soren's plea in the money laundering case before a vacation bench, which would hear the matter on May 21, amidst the top court's summer break.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

EC reply sought on plea to release voter data

Holding an urgent hearing at 6.30 pm on Friday, the Supreme Court sought a response within a week from the Election Commission on a plea by an NGO seeking direction to upload polling station-wise voter turnout data on its website within 48 hours on conclusion of polling for each phase of the Lok Sabha elections.

'Precious forest must be saved from fires'

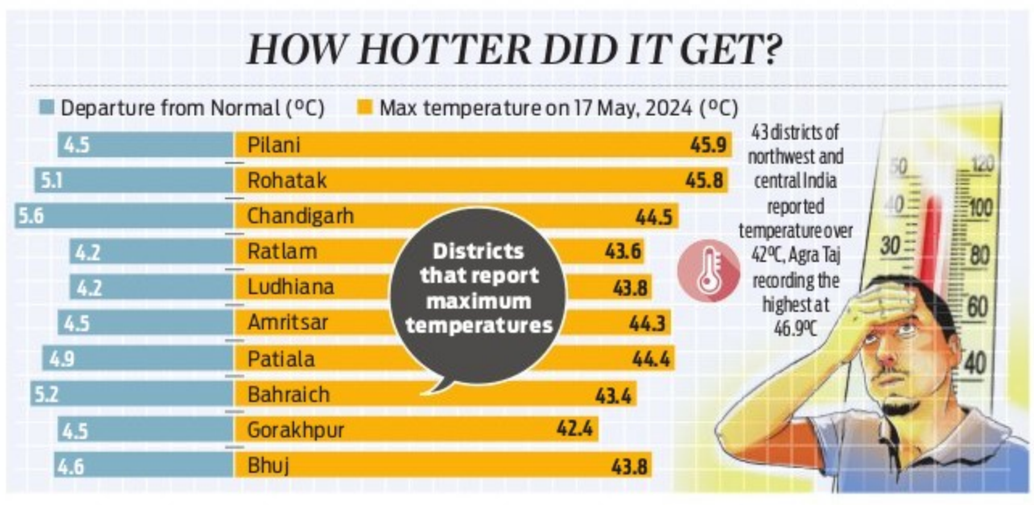
Precious forests should be saved from the hazards of forest fires, the Supreme Court said on Friday and termed the litigation concerning recent blazes in Uttarakhand as not "adversarial". A two-judge bench of the top court observed that everybody was interested only in "protecting the forests".

Centre's stand on marital rape sought

The court on Friday sought the Centre's stand on a petition challenging the marital rape exception under the new criminal laws. A bench headed by the CJI issued notice on a petition and said it would be listed for hearing in July along with other petitions seeking to criminalise marital rape.

IMD predicts severe heatwave days in north India

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi


HOW HOTTER DID IT GET?
Departure from Normal (°C)
Max temperature on 17 May, 2024 (°C)
4.5 Pilani 45.9
5.1 Rohatak 45.8
5.6 Chandigarh 44.5
4.2 Ratlam 43.6
4.2 Ludhiana 43.8
4.5 Amritsar 44.3
4.9 Patiala 44.4
5.2 Bahraich 43.4
4.5 Gorakhpur 42.4
4.6 Bhuj 43.8
Districts that report maximum temperatures
43 districts of northwest and central India reported temperature over 42°C, Agra Taj recording the highest at 46.9°C

THE India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast severe heatwave over plains of northwest, Bihar, east and central India in the next five days. The forecast indicates that northwestern India, including the National Capital Territory of Delhi, will experience a period of intense heat for five days.

"It will include unusually warm night time temperatures, which can intensify the risk of heat-related illness and death," IMD said in its forecast on Thursday.

In its advisory, the weather department said intense heat will lead to high health concerns for vulnerable people, such as infants, elderly, and people with chronic diseases. It suggested avoiding heat exposure and dehydration.

On Friday, 43 districts of northwest and central India reported temperature over 42 degrees Celsius, Agra Taj recording the highest at 46.9°C. IMD observed heat wave conditions at most places over west and east Rajasthan, in some pockets over Haryana-Chandigarh-Delhi, Punjab, and isolated pockets over east Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat. The threshold for a heat wave is met when the maximum temperature of a weather station reaches at least 40 degrees Celsius in the plains, 37 degrees in the coastal areas, and 30 degrees in the hilly regions, and the departure from normal is 4.5°C to 6.4°C and more. In the case of a warm night, the minimum temperature departure from normal is 4.5°C to 6.4°C.

In the meantime, US-based Climate Central organisation has released the latest climate shift index (CSI) – a tool that quantifies the contribution of climate change to daily temperatures – showing that western India, including Delhi, will experience a period of intense heat in the next three days. CSI levels above one indicate climate change.

According to the index, daily high temperatures are expected to run 3°C to more than 6°C above average. The organisation has forecast that high temperatures will exceed 45°C in many locations. In parts of Haryana state, maximum temperatures could surpass 47°C.

In addition to maximum temperatures, night time will also be warmer. According to CSI, night time low temperatures are not expected to fall below 34°C and in parts of Rajasthan state, nighttime temperatures are not expected to fall below 37°C.

Experts say human-caused climate change made heatwave conditions more intense.

"Human-caused climate change has made this intense heat much more likely and the overnight temperatures make this event alarming," said Andrew Pershing of Climate Central.

Claim, counter-claim fly thick and fast as Maliwal, AAP lock in fierce fight

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

FOLLOWING a case of molestation and attempt to commit culpable homicide registered against Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav Kumar on the complaint of AAP MP Swati Maliwal, the Delhi Police on Friday carried out investigation with Kumar filing a counter-complaint in the evening.

The day started with Maliwal, escorted by the police, reached Tis Hazari court to record her statement before a magistrate about the alleged assault. At the same time the BJP Mahila Morcha staged a protest outside CM's residence demanding his resignation.

As per the FIR, Maliwal said she was subjected to severe thrashing by Kumar following which she had approached the police. Maliwal, in her complaint, alleged that Kumar slapped her at least 7-8 times as she screamed for help.

"I felt absolutely shocked and kept screaming for assistance. In an attempt to protect myself, I pushed him away with my legs. At that moment, he pounced on me, brutally

dragged me, and deliberately pulled my shirt up causing the buttons to come undone, and my shirt flew up," an excerpt from the FIR read.

Kumar, too, filed a complaint against Maliwal for allegedly creating ruckus at the CM residence and assaulting him.

A purported video of the incident went viral on social media in which Maliwal could be seen arguing with security personnel at the CM's residence. In the 52-second video, Maliwal can be seen seated on a couch and shouting at the security staff when they were asking her to leave the premises. She could be heard saying, "You make me speak to DCP, SHO, I will take your job if you try to touch me. I have called 112, let the police come and then I will talk. This Ganja (bald man) ...."

Sharply reacting to the video, Maliwal, in an apparent reference to Kejriwal, said "Like every time, this time also the political hitman has started efforts to save himself." Later in the evening, Atishi, in a press conference, termed the allegations levelled by Maliwal against Kumar as "baseless" and a BJP conspiracy to frame Kejriwal.

Immediately after the press conference, Maliwal, without naming anyone, again wrote on X: "The leaders who joined the party yesterday are now trying to declare me as a BJP agent, who has been associated with the party for 20 years. Two days ago the party had accepted the truth in the PC and today it has taken a U-turn."

The police had earlier served a notice to Kumar asking him to join the probe. A similar notice was also served to Kumar by the National Commission for Women. Later in the day, police along with a forensic team reached Maliwal's residence.

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	41	28	Mumbai	33	28
Bhopal	41	27	Panaji	33	28
Jaipur	41	28	Patna	36	27
Amritsar	38	26	Lucknow	38	26
Chennai	33	29	Port Blair	38	22
Kolkata	31	26	Imphal	27	18
Srinagar	22	12	Chandigarh	36	26

FATE OF 5 MODI MINISTERS AT STAKE IN 14 UP SEATS

INDIA bloc partners Cong contesting on 2, SP 12; BSP going it alone

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

THE political heartland of India will witness voting on 14 seats, including a couple of high-profile constituencies and fate of five Union ministers, in the fifth phase on May 20.

The 14 seats comprise not only Congress citadels — Rae Bareli and Amethi — but also Ayodhya, the nerve centre of BJP's Hindutva plank. In fact, this phase will decide the tone and tenor of the sixth and seventh rounds, which will be concentrated across 27 seats of Purvanchal. Moreover, four constituencies of Bundelkhand will decide whether to let BJP achieve a hat-trick or vote for change.

The BJP had swept the phase in 2019 by winning 13 of the 14 seats in fray. While the BJP had wrested Amethi from Congress, Sonia Gandhi had retained Rae Bareli as the only party MP from UP in 2019. The SP and BSP drew a blank in 2019 and 2014. In 2024, while Congress is contesting on two seats, ally SP is contesting on rest 12 seats.

Rae Bareli

One of the most prominent seats of fifth phase is set for a fight between Rahul Gandhi and BJP MLC and Yogi minister Dinesh Pratap Singh who had switched over to the saffron party in 2018. BSP has fielded an OBC nominee.

Amethi

Another high-profile seat witnesses a battle of nerves between Union minister Smriti Irani and KL Sharma, a representative of Congress first family of four decades. Smriti had defeated Rahul Gandhi in 2019 in Amethi and she is seeking a second term. BSP has fielded Nanhe Singh Chauhan.

Faizabad

The seat of Ram temple is set to test BJP's Hindutva plank. However, Faizabad has never been the saffron stronghold in the true sense. The Congress captured the seat in 2009, BSP won it in 2004 and SP in 1998. The BJP won the seat in 1991, 1996, 2014 and 2019. In 2019, BJP's Lallu Singh, five-time MLA and an MP twice, retained it defeating SP's Anand Sen. This time the contest is multi-cornered with SP having fielded its nine-time MLA Awdhesh Prasad, CPI former IPS officer Arvind Sena and BSP Sachhidanand Pandey.

Lucknow

The real challenge before the BJP is winning margin of MP Rajnath Singh who is seeking a third term carrying forward the legacy of former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee who had represented Lucknow five times in the Lok Sabha from 1991 and 2004. Lucknow parliamentary constituency is the BJP's citadel. The party has never lost this seat since 1991. Singh won the seat in 2014 and 2019.

Mohanlal Ganj and Barabanki

Both the reserve seats are adjacent to Lucknow with Pasi community holding the key.

Mohanlal Ganj

BJP candidate and Union minister of state Kaushal Kishore is trying his luck for the third term in a row. Challenging him are the SP's RK Chaudhary and the BSP's Rajesh Kumar.

Barabanki

Another seat adjoining Lucknow has have tendency of changing winners each time. However, the BJP won the seat in 2014 and retained it in 2019. Pasis among the SCs and Kurmi voters among OBCs are decisive in the constituency. There are over 20% Muslim voters. In 2024, BJP replaced its MP Upendra Singh Rawat with Rajrani Rawat and Congress fielded Tanuj Punia, son of former bureaucrat and Congress leader PL Punia.

Gonda

BJP MP Kirti Vardhan Singh, from the royal family, is in the fray for the third consecutive term. Challenging him is SP's Shreya Verma, the granddaughter of party stalwart Beni Prasad Verma, and BSP pitted a Brahmin Saurabh Mishra.

Fatehpur

BJP has repeated its MP Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti who had defeated BSP's Sukh Lal Verma, as the joint SP-BSP candidate, in 2019. The SP fielded its state chief Naresh Uttam, a Kurmi by caste, and the BSP put stakes on Manish Sachan.

Kaiserganj

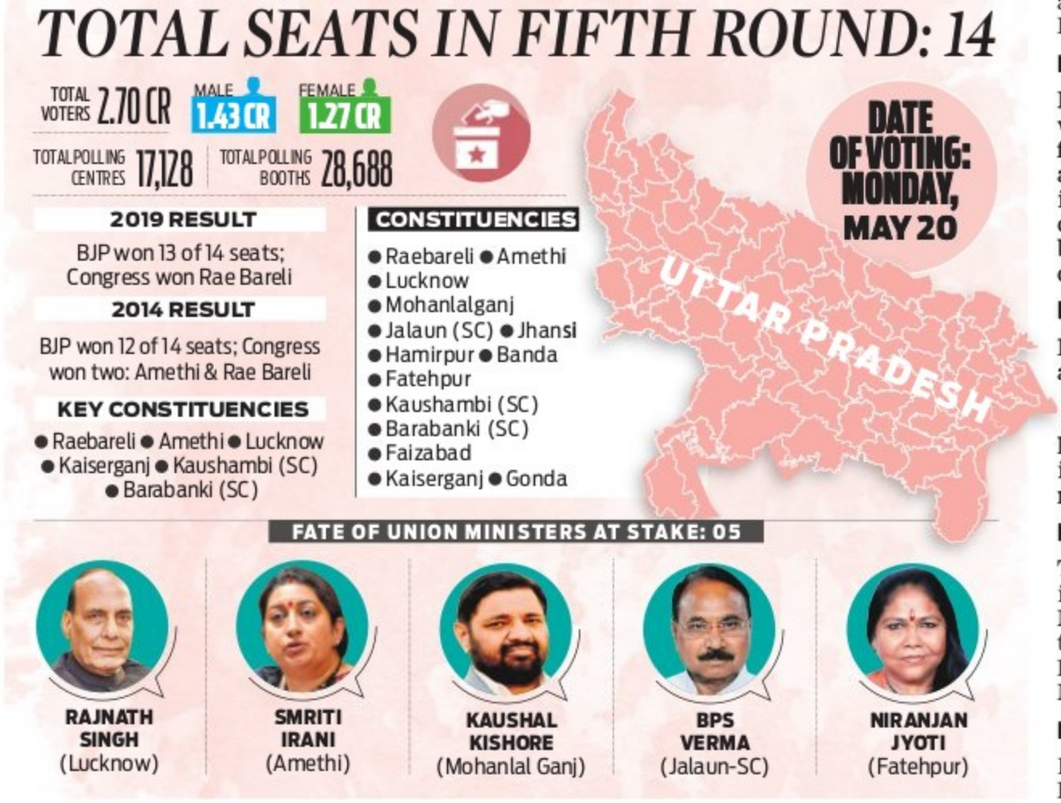
BJP has fielded Karan Bhushan Singh, son of Brijbhushan Sharan Singh, SP has named Baghatram Mishra and BSP has made the contest interesting by fielding another Brahmin Narendra Pandey.

Kaushambi

The reserved seat is set for in interesting battle between BJP MP Vinod Sonkar and one of the youngest SP candidates Pushpendra Saroj, son of SP MLA Indrajeet Saroj.

Bundelkhand

Four seats — Jalaun, Jhansi, Hamirpur and Banda.


TOTAL SEATS IN FIFTH ROUND: 14
TOTAL VOTERS 2.70 CR
MALE 1.43 CR
FEMALE 1.27 CR
TOTAL POLLING CENTRES 17,128
TOTAL POLLING BOOTHS 28,688
2019 RESULT
BJP won 13 of 14 seats; Congress won Rae Bareli
2014 RESULT
BJP won 12 of 14 seats; Congress won two: Amethi & Rae Bareli
KEY CONSTITUENCIES
● Raebareli ● Amethi ● Lucknow ● Kaiserganj ● Kaushambi (SC) ● Barabanki (SC)
CONSTITUENCIES
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DATE OF VOTING: MONDAY, MAY 20
UTTAR PRADESH
FATE OF UNION MINISTERS AT STAKE: 05
RAJNATH SINGH (Lucknow)
SMRITI IRANI (Amethi)
KAUSHAL KISHORE (Mohanlal Ganj)
BPS VERMA (Jalaun-SC)
NIRANJAN JYOTI (Fatehpur)

UTTAR PRADESH

Learn from Yogi where to run bulldozers: PM to Oppn

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

CLAIMING that if the opposition alliance, especially, the Congress had the intention to reverse the Supreme Court verdict over Ram temple if they came to power, Prime Minister Modi said that they would get the Ram temple bulldozed. While addressing a poll rally in Zaidpur of Barabanki, on Friday, PM Modi advised the INDIA alliance to learn from CM Yogi Adityanath 'where to run bulldozers.'

"A senior SP leader had said on Ram Navami that Ram temple is useless. At the same time, the Congress is preparing to overturn the Supreme Court's decision on Ram Temple. For them, only their family and power matter. If the SP-Congress come to power, they will send Lord Ram back to the tent and bulldoze the temple," he claimed while asking them to take "tuition" from Adityanath as to where bulldozers should be used.

Significantly, the PM addressed three poll rallies in UP at Barabanki, Hamirpur and Fatehpur, on Friday. Underlining that the power of a vote had ended a 500-year wait and led to the enthronement of Lord Ram in the grand Ram Temple in Ayodhya, the PM took a dig at the opposition saying that they never felt bad witnessing the god in tent.

He launched a scathing attack on opposition bloc claiming it to be an incohesive conglomerate of power-hungry forces, PM Modi said that opposition parties was still not sure of their PM face and were fighting amongst themselves for the position but would eventually disintegrate like a "pack of cards" after Lok Sabha election results on June 4.

He added that "shehzada of SP" (SP chief Akhilesh Yadav), had a heartbreak when a Congress leader claimed that people of Raebareli would elect the next PM of India.

The PM was reflecting on the statement of ex-Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel that after Indira Gandhi, the people of Rae Bareli were going to elect the Prime Minister of the country.

He also hinted at the chinks in INDI Alliance partners - the AAP and Congress in Punjab. "An INDI alliance party has told the other that don't mess with us in Punjab."

The PM was seeking support for BJP candidate Rajrani Rawat in Barabanki pitted against Congress candidate Tanuj Punia, and party's Mohanlal Ganj candidate and Union Minister Kaushal Kishore.

'Cong, SP surrendered to appeasement'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the SP-Congress have surrendered to appeasement. "When Modi is telling their truth to the country, they say he is creating Hindu-Muslim divide. Even their vote bank has also realised it. Our mothers and sisters are happy with the law on triple talaq," Modi claimed.

MAHARASHTRA

Uddhav says BJP will surely be out of power on June 4

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

SHIV Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray and AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal on Friday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a rally of the opposition INDIA bloc in Mumbai which was also addressed by NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge. Thackeray said on June 4, when Lok Sabha election results will be declared, Modi will be out as PM. "On June 4 there will be de-Modiisation of India. This is the first election where PM Narendra Modi is not finding direction for his campaign," he said.

Thackeray said Modi's only goal is his own re-election, and he does not want to step aside for a younger generation. Delhi Chief Minister Kejriwal alleged that PM Modi wants to finish off Indian democracy and is taking the country towards dictatorship. The AAP leader claimed that Modi's policy is "if you can't defeat opponents, arrest them."

Thackeray hit out at Modi for calling the party founded by his father as duplicate Shiv sena. "I want to tell Modi, my forefathers worked for this land that belongs to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and we are proud of it, what about you? In Gujarat, Mughal emperor Aurangzeb was born and Modi comes from that land. This is major difference between Modi and Thackeray. We will never surrender before anyone."

Thackeray alleged that Modi plans to loot Mumbai and Maharashtra like Aurangzeb but "we will never allow this to happen." He said Modi has shifted all developmental projects from Maharashtra to Gujarat. "Because of Modi, a handful of Gujaratis are trying to threaten the Marathi people. I want to tell that if they want to stay in Mumbai, they have to stay peacefully, otherwise we willclose the doors to them," Thackeray said.

"Modi has hatred towards Marathi manoos. Some of the Gujarati firms based in Mumbai are not allowing Marathi people to apply for jobs. We will not allow them succeed," he said. Kharge said that there was an undercurrent against the Modi-led government, and that is why the PM is afraid. "Modi is not paying attention to employment generation and controlling inflation," he claimed. NCP(SP) chief Sharad Pawar said that Maharashtra knows that founder Bal Thackeray helped Modi in his difficult times, but he has forgotten that now.

'PM's goal is his own re-elections'

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ELECTION2024

Poster with death threats to Mamata

A poster with death threats to West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee and her nephew, party's general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, appeared in Uluberia in West Bengal's Howrah district on Friday, police said. The poster, handwritten in green ink on a piece of white cloth, was recovered from a construction site in Fuleswar area of Uluberia where Lok Sabha elections will be held on May 20.

Over 600 BEST buses reserved

More than 600 buses or 20 per cent of the fleet of the civic-run Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) undertaking have been reserved for the Lok Sabha elections from May 18, officials said on Friday. Polling will be held in Mumbai on May 20. A BEST official said that 629 buses, including 35 wheelchair-friendly ones, have been reserved for election duty (for polling staff and security personnel) between May 18 and May 20.

In a 1st, 2 OBC candidates lock horns in Hazaribagh

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

FOR the first time in Hazaribagh Lok Sabha seat, two candidates of backward caste (OBC) have locked horns against each other making the contest interesting besides making it unpredictable also.

Hazaribagh LS seat, a BJP stronghold with former Union Ministers Yashwant Sinha and his son Jayant Sinha winning the seat on BJP ticket for the last three terms, has become difficult for the party this time as the contest is primarily between the two backward (OBC) candidates — Hazaribagh (Sadar) MLA **Manish Jaiswal** of BJP and Mandu MLA **Jai Prakash Bhai Patel** of Congress party.

Congress had won the seat last time in 1984 when Damodar Pandey had defeated CPI candidate Bhubneshwar Prasad Mehta. In 2004, Communist Party of India (CPI) candidate Bhubneshwar Prasad Mehta had defeated Yashwant Sinha by more than 1.5 lakh votes. Since 2009, Hazaribagh has been represented by the BJP and it is considered a stronghold of the saffron party. In 2009, Yashwant won the seat and his son Jayant Sinha won it twice in 2014 and 2019. In 2019, the winning margin was huge as Jayant Sinha defeated Congress candidate Gopal Prasad Sahu by 4, 79,548 votes by securing 7, and 28,798 votes with 67.42% vote share.

Interestingly, both are sitting BJP MLAs and are contesting Lok Sabhs polls for the first time; Patel, however, shifted to Congress to contest the Lok Sabha polls.

Manish Jaiswal has been elected MLA for two consecutive terms, while Jai Prakash Bhai Patel was elected thrice. Another similarity between the two is that both of them carried forward the political legacy of their fathers – Brajkishore Jaiswal and Teklal Mahto respectively.

According to locals who have been putting a tab on political pulse of the constituency, believe that for the first time the both the candidates have equal chances of winning the seat.

"With Congress candidate Jai Prakash Bhai Patel's brother in law Shivlal Mahto joining the BJP, the contest has become interesting making it more difficult for the Congress to sail through easily. In addition to that, 'Kayastha' community has openly said that they will not supporters the BJP candidate as Jayant Sinha, a Kayasth, was denied ticket from Hazaribagh," said a local pharmacist Sushant Ranjan. JMM workers on the other hand, are not very keen to support the Congress candidate as they do not trust Jai Prakash Bhai Patel as he has a track record of changing sides ahead of the every elections, he added.

Another local, a teacher by profession, believes that whoever wins the election, will be winning the seat by a narrow margin as both the candidates lack public appearance. "BJP candidate is as strong in his Assembly constituency as the Congress candidate, but beyond that they lack interaction with the voters," said a teacher.

EC notice to Abhijit Gangopadhyay for his 'improper' remarks on Mamata

MUKESH RANJAN & SULAGNA SENGUPTA @New Delhi/Kolkata

THE Election Commission on Friday issued a show-cause notice to BJP's candidate from Tamluk constituency Abhijit Gangopadhyay for his alleged personal attack on West Bengal CM and TMC leader Mamata Banerjee and asked him to submit his response by 5pm on May 20.

The EC action came after it received a complaint from the TMC alleging that he had passed objectionable remarks against Banerjee during a public meeting in Haldia on May 15. In the complaint, the TMC quoted the former Calcutta High Court Judge as saying, "Mamata Banerjee, how much are you being sold for? Your rate is 10 lakhs, why? Because you're getting your makeup done by Keya Seth? Mamata Banerjee, is she even a woman? I keep wondering sometimes."

Keya Seth is a beautician.

"Whereas, on careful examination, the comment has been found to be improper, injudicious, beyond dignity in every sense of term, in bad taste and to be prima facie violation of the aforesaid provisions of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and Commission's advisory dated 1st March, 2024," the poll panel said in the notice.

It further said, "Now, therefore, you are hereby called upon to show cause by 5 pm of 20th May as to why appropriate action for violation of Model Code of Conduct should not be taken against you."

The ECI said, "In the event of no response from your side in the stipulated time, it will be presumed that you have nothing to say in the matter and the EC will take appropriate action or decision in the matter without making any further reference to you." TMC leader Santanu Sen said, "It is shameful that an ex-judge uses such words to malign a women CM."

Ministry of Communications, Department of Posts, Civil Wing

PRESS NOTICE INVITING PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER

Executive Engineer (C), Postal Civil Division Chennai invites on behalf of The President of India, online percentage rate (CPWD-7) e-tenders for the following work:

N.I.T. No.: 07/PCD/C/2024-25

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The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.**

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 BENGALURU

4th Floor, BSNL Telephone House Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001

TRC No. 157/2018 IN O.A NO. 1556/2014

NOTICE TO LEGAL HEIRS/REPRESENTATIVES OF CDR No 1-Chinnagiri Gowda

BETWEEN: Bank of Baroda,(Erstwhile Vijaya Bank) Kanakapura Branch (Now ZOSAR Br, Bengaluru)

......Certificate Holder

Versus

Mr Chinnagiri Gowda (Died) Rep by his Legal Heirs & another

......Certificate Debtors

Legal Heirs of Deceased CDR No 1 Mr Chinnagiri Gowda

1. **Mrs Gowramma** W/o Late Chinnagiri Gowda, Residing at:B.S Doddi Village, Horalagallu Post, Kanakapura, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara
2. **Mr RaviKumar B C** S/o Late Chinnagiri Gowda, Residing at:B.S Doddi Village, Horalagallu Post, Kanakapura, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara
3. **Mr Shivarame Gowda** S/o Late Chinnagiri Gowda, Residing at:B.S Doddi Village Horalagallu Post, Kanakapura, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara
4. **Mrs Sumithra** D/o Late Chinnagiri Gowda, Residing at: B.S Doddi Village, Horalagallu Post, Kanakapura, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara
5. **Mrs Jayarathna** D/o Late Chinnagiri Gowda, Residing at: B.S Doddi Village, Horalagallu Post, Kanakapura, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara

Whereas Transfer Recovery Certificate **No. 157/2018 in No 1556/2014** has been forwarded by Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-2, Bangalore to the undersigned for the recovery of debt amounting to **Rs.54,07,113/-** (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Seven Thousand One Hundred and Thirteen Only) with subsequent interest as mentioned in the Recovery Certificate and the Hon'ble Presiding Officer had sent to the undersigned the certified copy of Recovery Certificate under Sec.19 (22) of RDB Act 1993, specifying that above mentioned amount is to be recovered along with future interest and cost from the CDs/Defendants as per R.C and whereas the CDR No 1-Mr. Chinnagiri Gowda reported as died leaving behind you as legal heirs/representatives.You are hereby given notice that steps will be taken under all or any of the provisions of Sec. 25 to 28 of RDB Act 1993 read with Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 to recover the above said amount from you together with future interest payable and the costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of warrants and other processes issued and all other proceedings taken for realizing the specified amount as the properties of deceased CD No 1 is falls in your hands under succession. Therefore, you are hereby directed to pay the dues as per the R.C with future interest, costs and expenses incurred so far and the aforesaid is payable by all of you within 15 days from the date of service of this notice, failing which the matter will be decided as per law in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **14th day of March 2024.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-1
DRT - 2, Bengaluru

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with RDDBFI Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment."

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that general public that my Client **Mrs. Shailaja N Badiger** W/o Nagaraju.D, residing at No.2393/1, 1st Main, RPC Layout 2nd Stage, Vijayanagar, Bangalore – 560 040, have lost the mentioned below original documents in respect of schedule property 1) Return Sale Deed, document No:3735/1980-81, dated 20.12.1980, and 2) Sale Deed, Document No.3323/1981-82, dated 25.12.1981, lodged a complaint in this regard before Police Department, Bangalore on 16.05.2024, E-Lost Report No.1054675/2024, in spite of the best efforts same could not be traced.

Therefore it is requested that the general public who ever may find the said original DOCUMENTS to hand over the same to the undersigned immediately to my client within **15 days** from the date of publication of this Notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.11, PID No.34-30-11, Bangalore City Corporation, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Old 21, after 30 Division, Hosahalli, 3rd Main Road, Old No.1, New Municipal No. 11, Western Portion, Old Ward No.34, Presently coming under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, HOSAHALLI, WARD NO.124, situated at No.11, 3rd Main Road, Hosahalli, Vijayanagar, Bangalore – 560 040, and measuring East to West 18-0 feet and North to South 45-0 feet, and all other rights, easements and appurtenants there to and bounded on the:- **East by::**S.Madaiah's Eastern portion property Old Municipal No.11.

West by::D.Ramachandraiah's Site no.2
North by:: Road
South by:: Drainage

Together with houses consisting of RCC roofed House with all civil amenities thereon.

Sd/- SHIVAPRAKASH K N B. A., LL.B. Advocate,
SRS LAW ASSOCIATES,
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Bangalore – 560 040. Mobile: 9341824536
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my Client is intend to purchase of Residential vacant Site/property more fully described in the Schedule hereunder from **SMT. M.LEKHAVANI Alias M. LEKHA VANI,** Aged about 39 years, D/o Sri. C. Mani and W/o Sri. Prakash G, residing at No.205, Sri. Dhakshy Nivas, 4th Stage, 2nd "B" Main Road, Vinayaka Layout, 9th Block, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru- 560 072. If any person/s has/have any right, title, interest or claim on the below mentioned Schedule Property, they may file their objections with the undersigned along with documentary proof **WITHIN 10 (TEN) DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my Client will proceed to complete the sale transaction as the same is free from all encumbrances/claims. Any objections received thereafter shall not be entertained/ considered.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property being converted residential Vacant Site bearing **No.36** formed out of **Sy.No.28/1 of Gidadakonenahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, bearing Old Khata No.36,** Present BBMP Khata No. 189/168/132/A/36, and presently known and identified as **"No.36, 1st Cross, Adjacent to 7th Block of Sir. M.V.Layout, Near to Nirman International Public School, Mythrinagar, Bengaluru - 560091 and now comes within the limits of BBMP ward No.72 of Herohalli Ward,** measuring East to West: **60.0 feet** North to South: **40.0 feet** in all measuring **2400 Square feet** and bounded on:

East by : Road
West by : Site No. 58
North by : Site No.35
South by : Site No.37

(U.L.SOMAPPA) Advocate & Notary
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Bangalore Date : 17-05-2024

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[proviso to rule 9(1)]

E-Auction SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Koramangala Branch, will be sold by holding E-Auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **07/06/2024,** for recovery of **Rs.37,07,364/-** (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Four Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr. Ravi T R and Mrs. Kamala K V (Borrowers) and Mr. Ramakrishnaiah (Guarantor),** as on 17/05/2024, together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs. 80,00,000/-** (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.8,00,000/-** (Rupees Eight Lakhs Only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 141, V.P Khatha No.7/172, Spoorthy Layout, Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 45 Feet, North to South 36 Feet totally measuring 1620 Sq.Ft. and Bounded on East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Property No.140, South by : Property No.142.

Encumbrances :There is a Sale Agreement Registered in favour of third party, Subsequent to the mortgage created in favour of Can fin Homes Ltd., and the same is not binding on Can fin Homes Ltd., as the mortgage created in favour of Can fin Homes Ltd., is prior to the said transaction.

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd.,(www.canfinhomes.com). Please refer to the following link https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx. Link for participating in e-auction: https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net

Place: Bangalore
Date: 17.05.2024

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the **Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.)** has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within **60 days** from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:

Name of the Borrower (s) /Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
Mr. Arumugam, Mrs. Lakshmi, Sri Sai Ram Builders, **(Prospect No. IL10331741)**	**14/05/2024, Rs.11,34,607/-** (Rupees Eleven Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Seven Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Site No.238 formed in Sy.No.113, Katha No.238/113, E Swathu No.150200202000620495 Situated at Yedurappa Nagara, Singanayakanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobili, Yelahanka Tq, Bangalore, Karnataka-560064. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land_Area, Carpet_Area, Built_Up_Area, Property Area: 600.00, 236.00, 296.00, Bounded By: North: Property No.239, South: Property No. 237, East: Road, West: Property No. 245.
Mr. Renukaiah V, Mrs. Rajeshwari, **(Prospect No. 963284)**	**14/05/2024, Rs.21,15,479/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Fifteen Thousand Four Hun-dred and Seventy Nine Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Southern portion of Assessment no 540/2/6, khatha No.836/1, situated at kengeri Hobli, Kengeri tq, Bangalore South Tq, Karnataka-560060. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land_Area, Carpet_ Area, Built_Up_ Area, Property Area: 520.00, 520.00, 910.00. Bounded By: North: 4 ft Common Passage And Site Belongs To Manjunath, South: Site No.7, East: Site No.3, West: 23 Ft Road.
Mr. Atthiganahalli Subbaraya Hemantha Kumar, Mrs. Sharada, **(Prospect No. IL10389335)**	**14/05/2024, Rs.37,21,053/-**(Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Twenty One Thousand and Fifty Three Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Property No.10, Khatha No.651, Assessment No.65/1, Ganigarahalli Village, Dr. K. Shivaram Karanth Layout, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560090. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area, Carpet_Area, Property Area: 1020.00, 542.00, 461.00. Bounded By: North: Site No.11, Private Building, South: Vacant Land, East: 20 Feet Road, West: Site No.9, Private Building.
Mr. Vardaraj Pandurangan, Mrs. Kavitha K, **(Prospect No. 957719, IL10300878)**	**15/05/2024, Rs.9,99,506/-** (Rupees Nine Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Five Hun-dred and Six Only) **For 957719 & Rs.3,54,769/-** (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Nine Only) **For IL10300878**	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Site No.2, Khatha No.5/7, Situated at Devarachikkanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Tq ,Karnataka, India-560076. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land_Area, Property Area: 400.00, Bounded By: North: Purchasers Property, South: Private Property, East: Road, West: Private Property.

If the said Borrowers fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers. For, further details please contact to **Authorised Officer at** "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru-560025 **Or Corporate Office: IIFL Tower,** Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Bangalore, Date: 18-05-2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the **Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.)** has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within **60 days** from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:

Name of the Borrower (s) /Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
Mr. Krishna Somu, K Star Chemicals, Mr. T Krishna, Mrs. Bhagya-mma, **(Prospect No.IL10093047)**	**15/05/2024, Rs.27,68,468/-** (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Eight Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Flat No.A-305, Floor No.3, A, Pride Sunrise, Site No.6, 6A to 6S, Pride Vatika, Layout Bukkasagara, Village Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, India-560076. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Saleable_Area, Carpet _Area, Property Area: 797.00, 609.78, Bounded By: North: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report, South: As per the Title Documents and Technical Report, East: As per the Title Documents and Technical Report, West: As per the Title Documents and Technical Report.
Mr. M Abdul Jameel, Mrs. Farhath Unnisa, Mrs. Syeda Sadiqa, **(Prospect No. 965682)**	**14/05/2024, Rs.7,68,077/-** (Rupees Seven Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand and Seventy Seven Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Property bearing Khaneshumari Nos. 826/828 + 1521/2154 +1520/215 6 & 2066, 1519/2156/2066, 828/1519/2156/2066, situ-ated at Nalbandwadi Mohalla Ramanagar Town-562159, Karnataka. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land _ Area, Carpet _Area, Built_Up_Area, Property Area: 2601.00, 2819.20, 3524.00, Bounded By: North: Road, South: Property of Mr. Waheed, East: Property of Mr. Yusuf, West: Road & Chamanshahwali Dargah.
Mr. Gangaraju V, Mr. Venkatappa, Mrs. Annapoorneshwari S T, Mrs. Gangamma, **(Prospect No.969562)**	**14/05/2024, Rs.5,82,024/-** (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty Two Thousand and Twenty Four Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: E-Swattu site No.150300700200700019 V.P Property No. 21/19/1, situated at Totanahali village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Bangalore, Karnataka-562132. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land_Area, Carpet_Area, Built_Up_Area, Property Area: 1200.00, 714.00, 952.00. Bounded By: North: House of Jayamma, South: House of Venkat Lakshmayya, East: Road, West: Site of Gowramma
Mr. Nawaz Ahmed, Mr. Shafi Arhad, Mrs. Sultana, Sultan Enterprises, **(Prospect No. IL10311256)**	**15/05/2024, Rs.22,83,010/-** (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Eighty Three Thousand and Ten Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Khata No.4660, Present 278/261/4660 (PID No.9-2- 512-42), 2nd Block, 2nd A Main Road, Situated at Shettihalli Beedhi, Ward no.09, Ramanagara town, Ramanagara tq, Ramanagara dist, Karnataka, India-562159. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area, Property Area: 2530.00, 270.00. Bounded By: North: Property of Gopal, South: Galli, East: Road, West: Property of Ramachandrappa.
Mr. Aslam Pasha, National Eicher Tractors, Mrs. Shaheena, **(Prospect No. IL10385833)**	**15/05/2024, Rs.22,82,921/-** (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hund-red and Twenty One Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Khata No. 1954/17, Pid No. 19-358- 841, Ar Layout, Hosakote Town, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka, India-560067. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land_Area, Property Area: 1809.00. Bounded By: North: Road, South: Donger, East: Avr Station Compound, West: Site No. 16.
Mr. Mahesh, Mrs. Lakshmi, **(Prospect No. IL10403100)**	**14/05/2024, Rs.8,98,475/-** (Rupees Eight Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Five Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Property No.209/1, E Swathu No. 152900102100300329, Muddugere Village, Malur Hobli, Channapattana Taluka, Dist. Ramanagara, Karnataka-562160. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area, Carpet_Area, Property Area: 779.20, 584.40, 467.50. Bounded By: North: Neelamma and Ankaiah, South: Road, East: Govt Bavi, West: Neelamma.
Mr. Subrmani, Mrs. Poojamma, Varsha Flower Dind Manufacturing, **(Prospect No. IL10424341)**	**14/05/2024, Rs.5,70,873/-** (Rupees Five Lakh Seventy Tho-usand Eight Hundred and Seventy Three Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Property No.46/1, E Swathu No. 152900401902220118, situated at lakshmipura, Kataknapalya village, Near Bus Stop, Ramnagara tq, Ramnagara dist., Karnataka-562159. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land _Area, Built_Up_Area, Carpet_Area, Property Area: 600.00, 600.00, 480.00. Bounded By: North: Road, South: Land of Renukaradhya, East: House of Lakshmidevamma, West: House of Narsamma.

If the said Borrowers fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers. For, further details please contact to **Authorised Officer at** `SOMA MERIT', No.9, Ground Floor, Venkataswamy Naidu Street, Taskar Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore 560051 **Or Corporate Office: IIFL Tower,** Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Bangalore Rural, Date: 18-05-2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

IN THE COURT OF THE I ADDITIONAL FAMILY COURT JUDGE FAMILY COURT COMPLEX AT HYDERABAD

F.C.O.P. No. 1607 of 2023

BETWEEN: Govind Raj Jain @ Govind Badola ... PETITIONER

AND: Monisha Jain @ Monisha Chopra ... RESPONDENT

To, **Monisha Jain @ Monisha Chopra,** aged about 29 years, Occ: Household, R/o No.14, 3rd Cross, Pamma Gowda Road, J.C. Nagar, Monish Park Apartment, Benson Town, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560046. ... **RESPONDENT**

Please take notice that the petitioner herein has filed the above petition for grant of decree of divorce by dissolving the marriage between you and petitioner solemnized on dt:06-12-2020, on grounds of cruelty and desertion against You and said matter is posted on **04/06/2024** for your appearance either in person or through Advocate on the said date at **10:30 A.M.** before the Hon'ble Court failing which the matter will be proceeded as per law.

By order of the Court
M/s PRAMOD KUMAR KEDIA, & ASSOCIATES, Advocates
15-1-503/B/14, 1st Floor, Ashok Market, Siddiamber Bazar, Hyderabad-12, T.S.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, Mr.Ashok.G.N, son of Nagaraj.G.N residing at No.38, 1st Main, 5th Cross, GR Homes, Guru Raghavendra Nagar, Rayasandra, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore have lost the Originals 1) Sale Deed dated 01.04.2005, registered as document No.ANK-1-00019/2005-06 in Book I and stored in CD No.ANKD57, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Anekal and 2) Sale Deed dated 21.01.2012, registered as document No.SRJ-1-05189/2011-12 in Book I and stored in CD No.SRJD92, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Sarjapura in respect of the property bearing Site No.38, Assessment No.133/361, situated at Rayasandra Village, Sarajapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 sq.ft. A police complaint dated 16.05.2024 is lodged in this regard. If any person finds the same may kindly be delivered to the undersigned or to my client. Any person un-authorisly holding the same and dealing with the same in the respect of the above property in any manner, the same will not be binding on my clients. In this behalf if any person having any Objections or claims can lodge the same with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within Fifteen days of this Notice. Later on the same will not be entertained and my client proceed to deal with said property as their like.

H.D.BASAPPA, Advocate
"G.R.COMPLEX", # 31, 1st Floor, Service Road, Domlur Layout, Bangalore-560 071. Mobile : 9986349626
E-Mail :basappahd2018@gmail.com
Place : Bangalore Dated : 17.05.2024

SALE DEED LOST

It is represented by the undersigned that **Sri. K.N. MANJUNATHA.** S/o, Alajjanavar Naganna, Aged about 42 years, Permanent residing at, K.T.Halli Village, Nidagal Hobali, Pavagada Taluku, Tumkur District, Now present residing at, No.549, 6th Cross, 8th Main, Bhuvaneshwari Nagara, T.Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560057, has lost/misplaced the Original Sale Deed executed by Smt.S.Vijayamma, Smt.Shobha@ Shobha Chandrashekar, Smt.Surekha@ Rekha Mahesh and Sri.Shashikumar in favour of Sri.K.N.MANJUNATHA, a schedule property bearing Site No.63, formed in Assessment No. Old 16/3,16/4, New 16/1A, 16/1B, and Khata No.16/1A, 16/1B, Situated at Madanayakanahalli Dakale, Hanumanthegowdanpalya Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 50-0 feet, and North to South: 30-0 feet, total measuring 1500 square feet, and registered as Document No.MDL-1-02867-2016-17, C.D.No.HSRD106, in the Office of Rajajinagar (Madanayakanahalli) Sub-Registrar office, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru. on.13-10-2016 the Sri. K.N. MANJUNATHA, on.12-05-2024 going on vehicle in the located at Bagalagunte Bus stop place at that time the Original Sale Deed is lost. then lodged a online Police Complaint before the Bagalagunte police regarding for not traced the loss/misplaced above Original Sale Deed document have been E-lost compliant lodged on. 17-05-2024, through online vide Lost Report No.1055588/2024,till today the Sri.K.N.MANJUNATHA have not pledged the documents for any security or loan or borrowing. Hence I give a Public Notice through paper publication in daily News Paper, any person in possession of the above said documents please contact this Mobile No.9902963690 or above address within **15 days** from the date of this announce of publication.

CHIDANANDAPPA RAMANNA HOSPAR
Advocate
No.1457/51, Samartha Sadana
Veerashettihalli, Achitnagar Post
Acharya College main Road
Bengaluru- 560107
Mob:9343175376 & 9902963690
Dated: 17-05-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client intends to purchase the property morefully described in the Schedule mentioned herein below from its owners 1). Kalpana C.K, Daughter of C.H. Kempa Setty, 2). B.S. Ramesh, Son of Late Seetha Ramappa and Uma C.K, Wife of B.S. Ramesh all are residing at No.160/3, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Anantha Ramaiah Compound Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018. Any person having right, title, interest, claim, objections or whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property may file their objections with documentary proof to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the said period, our client will proceed to complete the proposed Sale transaction presuming that above mentioned person is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and that there are no other Claimants.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1 : All that piece and parcel of Northern Portion of Property bearing No.160/3 PID No.45-1-160/3 measuring East to West : 20 Feet and North to South : 25 feet with RCC building measuring 3.5 squares approximately situated adjacent to Mysore Road, Ward No.45 Bengaluru bounded on : East by : Property No.47/B, West by : Property No.46/B, North by : 20 feet Road; and South by : Adjacent portion of the same property Belonging to B.S. Ramesh and Uma .C.K

Item No. 2 : All that piece and parcel of Southern Portion of Property bearing No.160/3 PID No.45-1-160/3 measuring East to West: 20 Feet and North to South : 25 feet with RCC building measuring 4 squares approximately situated adjacent to Mysore Road, Ward No.45, Bengaluru bounded on: East by : Property No.47/B, West by : Property No.46/B, North by : Property belongs to Kalpana C.K; and South by: Property bearing No.44.

Sanjay H. Sethiya, Advocate
Law Square, Advocate & Solicitors,
Level Two, No.2/1, 3rd Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009. Ph: 080-41711484
info@lawsquare.in
Bengaluru, Date : 17.05.2024

IN THE HON'BLE 73rd ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE MAYO HALL, AT BENGALURU, CCH-74

Ex. case No.25006/2024

BETWEEN: MRS. HASEEN FATHIMA, Wife of Syed Farhan, aged about 40 years, Residing at No.217, Andal Street, Thirummal Nagar, Alagapuram, Salem-636004, Tamil Nadu ... **DECREE HOLDER**

AND: MR. SYED ILYAS AND ANOTHER ... **JUDGEMENT DEBTORS**

SUIT SUMMONS TO THE JUDGEMENT DEBTOR No.1 & 2

1. Mr. SYED ILYAS, Son of Syed Umar, aged about 61 years, Residing at No. TF-104, 3rd Floor, Royal Mansion, 4th Main Road, S.K.Garden, Bengaluru-560 046, **2. MR. MOHAMMED WASEEM,** Son of Mohammed Jaffer, aged about 37 years, Flat No. SF-103, situated at 2nd Floor, Royal Mansion, 4th Main Road, S.K. Garden, Bangalore-560 046

You are hereby informed that, the Decree holder has filed the above said Execution petition against you and another for the relief of execution of Judgement and Decree dated 16-09-2023, and 15-12-2023, in respect of petition schedule property.

Hence you are hereby summoned to appear on **24-06-2024** at **11.00 AM** before the Hon'ble Additional City Civil and Session Judge, Mayohall, Bengaluru [CCH-74] either in person or through the pleader. Failing which, the above said case will be heard and disposed off in your absence.

PETITION SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property Flat bearing No.SF-103, situated at 2nd Floor, in the Apartment known as ROYAL MANSION, BBMP No.14/2, 4th Main Road, S.K.Garden, Bengaluru 560046, consisting of One hall, Three Bedrooms, One kitchen and Bathroom and Toilet with electricity and water facility and sewage connection with RCC roofing, **Fittings and Fixtures:** Ceiling Fans : 5 Nos, Jhoomer: 1 No, Fancy Fittings: 5 Nos, Tube lights: 5 Nos, Kitchen Cabinet: 1 No, Wardrobes: 3 Nos, Exhaust Fan : 1 No, Kitchen Exhaust Fan: 1 No, Showcase (hall): 1 No, Curtains fittings: 10 Nos.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on this 15-05-2024

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Decree Holder:
IMRAN ASSOCIATES
No. 43, 2nd Cross, P & T Colony
R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru- 560 032.

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY

Yelahanka, Bengaluru – 560 064.
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

Tender Notice
No.RWF/W/24-25/01 Dated: 16/05/2024

E- TENDERS: On Behalf of the President of India, the Dy. CHIEF ENGINEER invites electronic tender for the following works online through the **website http://www.ireps.gov.in (Works).**

Tender No.: W.496/RWF/YNK/1029. **Description:** Construction of Additional Bed Room to Type III Qtrs (312 to 315) 24 units in West Colony of RWF. **Estimated Value in ₹.** 77,35,659.46. **Closing Date & Time:** 18/06//2024 at 11.00hrs.

DY. CHIEF ENGINEER

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intend to purchase the properties more fully mentioned and described in the Item Nos. I and II of the Schedule hereunder from its owner M/s. Tokai Rubber Auto Parts India Private Limited, a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and having its registered office at Plot No. SP2-60 to 64, New Industrial Complex (Majrakath), Neemrana, Alwar, Rajasthan. The Owner represents that they have good marketable, right, title and interest to the Schedule Property and that apart from them there are no other person/s having any right or claim over the Schedule Property and that they have not entered into any Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding etc., with any person/s for sale or development of the same. The Owner further represents that they have not mortgaged, created any lien or encumbered the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner to any person/s. Any person/s having objection/s or claims shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection(s)/claim(s) within ten **(10) days** from the date of this notice with the Undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE

1. All that piece and parcel of Middle Portion of the Industrial Land Plot No. 337 (New Plot No. 194/337 B) having E-katha No. 152900200801220310 issued by the Kolliganahalli Village Panchayath, measuring 11,859 square meters (1,27,650.276 square feet or 2.93 acres approximately), carved out of Survey Nos.61 (Part), 147 (Part), 235 (Part), 236 (Part) and 251 (Part), Hulagondanahalli Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District, situated at Harohalli Industrial Area, 2nd Phase, Hulagondanahalli Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District, Karnataka, and is bounded as follows: **East by:** Remaining portion of Plot No. 337, now re-numbered as 194/337 A; **West by:** Remaining portion of Plot No. 337, now re-numbered as 194/337 C. **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** 18-Meter-Wide Road No. 14.

2. All that piece and parcel of Western Portion of the Industrial Land Plot No. 337 (New Plot No. 194/337 C) having E-katha No. 152900200801220311 issued by the Kolliganahalli Village Panchayath, carved out of Survey Nos.61 (Part), 147 (Part), 235 (Part), 236 (Part) and 251 (Part), Hulagondanahalli Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District, situated at Harohalli Industrial Area, 2nd Phase, Hulagondanahalli Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District, Karnataka, measuring on the Eastern side 153.19 meters (1648.93 feet), Western side 146.86 meters (1580.80 feet), Northern side 54.38 meters (585.346 feet) and Southern side 53.91 meters (580.28), measuring in total 8,094.00 square meters (87,123.82 square feet or 2 acres approximately), and is bounded as follows: **East by:** Remaining portion of Plot No. 337, now re-numbered as 194/337 B; **West by:** Plot No. 336; **North by:** Private Property; and **South by:** 18-Meter-Wide Road No. 14.

JAYANTH M PATTANSHETTI Advocate,
JAYANTH PATTANSHETTI ASSOCIATES LLP,
102, Ground Floor, "Rams Infantry Manor", Infantry Road, Bengaluru-560 001.
Ph. No. 080-41238516,080-41238367,
Place: Bengaluru Date: 18.05.2024

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited (**"Arcil"**) acting in its capacity as Trustees mentioned in the Trust Colum hereunder under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("said Rules") issued a demand notice dated mentioned in the demand notice Colum hereunder, calling upon the borrowers mentioned in the Borrower & Co borrower name Colum, the guarantors and the mortgagors to repay the amount, details of which are mentioned in the table below:

The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the underlying Immovable Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on "AS IS WHERE IS & WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on the date mentioned below.

Sl. No	Borrower Name and Co-Borrower	Trust Name	Demand Notice	Type & Date of Possession
1	Mr. Vijay Mishra & Mrs. Shalini Vijay Mishra	Trustee of Arcil-Retail Loan Portfolio-042-E-Trust	**Rs. 1,24,37,878.70 (Rupees One Crore Twenty Four Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Eight and Seventy Paisa Only) as on 14.12.2022 along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount with effect from 15.12.2022 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. Notice dated: 17.12.2022**	Symbolic Possession & 15.05.2024

Description of Property : Property owned by Mr. Vijay Mishra: Description of the property

Item No. 1: Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. 601 on Sixth Floor measuring about 1380 Sq. Ft. of Super built up area consisting of 2.5 Bed Rooms in Tower "J" including proportionate share in common areas in residential Apartment known as "PRINCETOWN", comprising of 714 apartments being constructed and bounded on the East By: Open Space, West by: Flat No. J-602, North By: Entrance Lobby and South By: Open Space along with one covered car parking space in the basement floor of Tower "J" along with 0.1855% or 616.09 Sq. ft. of undivided share, right, title and interest, in the Property bearing new Municipal No. 1, Shettyhalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Dasarahalli Sub – Division, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, totally measuring an extent of 7 acres 25 guntas (Being residentially converted land measuring an extent of 3 Acres 12 Guntas comprised in Sy. No. 11 and residentially converted land measuring an extent of 4 Acres 13 Guntas comprised in Sy. No. 12, both situated at Shettyhalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, duly converted vide official memorandum dated 15/05/2004 bearing No. BDIS/ALN/SR/(N)/12/2004-05 issued by the special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District now assigned Municipal, No. 1 by the BBMP and bounded as follows: North: Property Bearing Sy. No.8, 13 & 14, South: Military Camp and Mallasandra Village Boundary and Property Belonging to Sri. Doreswamy, East: Public Road & Property Bearing Sy No. 10, West: Government Road.

Item No. 2: Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. 604 on Sixth Floor measuring about 1080 Sq. Ft. of Super built up area consisting of 2 Bed Rooms Regular in Tower "J" including proportionate share in common areas in residential Apartment known as "PRINCETOWN", comprising of 714 apartments being constructed and bounded on the East By: Flat No. H-601, West by: Flat No. J-603, North By: Open Space and South By: Entrance Lobby along with one covered car parking space in the basement floor of Tower "J" along with 0.1452% or 482.16 Sq. ft. of undivided share, right, title and interest, in the Property bearing new Municipal No. 1, Shettyhalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Dasarahalli Sub – Division, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, totally measuring an extent of 7 acres 25 guntas (Being residentially converted land measuring an extent of 3 Acres 12 Guntas comprised in Sy. No. 11 and residentially converted land measuring an extent of 4 Acres 13 Guntas comprised in Sy. No. 12, both situated at Shettyhalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, duly converted vide official memorandum dated:15/05/2004 bearing No. BDIS/ALN/SR/(N)/12/2004-05 issued by the special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District now assigned Municipal, No. 1 by the BBMP and bounded as follows: North: Property Bearing Sy. No.8, 13 & 14, South: Military Camp and Mallasandra Village Boundary and Property Belonging to Sri. Doreswamy, East: Public Road & Property Bearing Sy No. 10, West: Government Road.

Sl. No	Borrower Name and Co-Borrower	Trust Name	Demand Notice	Type & Date of Possession
2	Mr. Sohan Raj KM.	Trustee of Arcil-Retail Loan Portfolio-042-E-Trust	**Rs. 57,09,827.63 (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Seven and Sixty Three Paisa Only) as on 01.02.2023 along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount with effect from 02.02.2023 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. Notice dated: 08.02.2023**	Symbolic Possession & 15.05.2024

Description of Property : Property owned by Mr. Sohan Raj KM:

All that part and parcel of vacant Site bearing No. 4 (Four), in Survey No. 69, situated at Shettyhalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, having Khata No. 258 measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1500 Sq. ft. The property is bounded on the East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 3 and South by: Site No. 5.

Sl. No	Borrower Name and Co-Borrower	Trust Name	Demand Notice	Type & Date of Possession
3	Mr. Prashanth S.	Trustee of Arcil-Retail Loan Portfolio-042-E-Trust	**Rs.39,05,198.43/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Eight and Forty Three Paise Only) as on 09.02.2023 along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount with effect from 10.02.2023 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. Notice dated: 09.02.2023**	Symbolic Possession & 15.05.2024

Description of Property : Property owned by Mr. Prashanth S:

Description of Schedule "A" Property : All that Piece and parcel of converted land bearing Sy. No. 115, measuring 1 Acre 10 Guntas situated at Valagerahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now bearing B.B.M.P. Khata No. 4520/115 measuring 54,450 Sq. ft., situated at Valagerahalli Village, Kengeri Sub-Division, Ward No. 130, Ullalu, Bangalore and Converted vide order dated 26.02.2003 vide order No: BDS.ALN.SR(S)364/2002-03 and order dated 12.11.2008 vide order No: ALN(S)SRKEN148/2007-08 which is bounded on the; East: Sy. No. 19/2, West: Sy. No. 16, North : Sy. No. 114, South : Road & Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 115

Schedule 'B' Property : 1.03% undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule-A Property mentioned above which would work out to 560 Square feet approximately of the Schedule-A Property in the subject matter of this Sale Deed.

Schedule 'C' Property : Apartment No. 409 on Third Floor in Block '1' measuring Super Built area of 1018 Sq. ft. in the building MAHAVEER WILLOW ANNEXE, being constructed on the Schedule-A Property with the floors, ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such Apartment Owner equally, including common area with One Covered Car Parking space bearing No. 409. The Construction is of Vitrified Flooring, Aluminium Windows and Teak Wood and Sal Wood frames and Doors, separate Electricity, Common Water, including common area rights and bounded on the; East By :Duct, Lift & Staircase, West By : Passage & Flat No. 411, North By : Setback, South By : Duct & Passage.

The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned that Arcil is in lawful possession of the Immovable Property mentioned above and under Section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, the borrower/ guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) or any person whatsoever, shall after receipt of this notice not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate the Immovable Property, without prior written consent of Arcil and any dealings with the Immovable Property will be subject to the charge of Arcil for the amount as mentioned above demand notice colum along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.

The borrowers'/guarantors'/mortgagors' attention is invited to the provisions of the Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available to redeem the above mentioned Immovable Property.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 18.05.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited

Arcil Premier ARC
Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd.,
CIN No.: U65999MH2002PLC134884. Website: www.arcil.co.in;
Registered Office : The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29 Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (W), Mumbai - 400 028. Tel.: 022-66581300
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Bank of Baroda

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(A Government of India undertaking)
Mylanahalli Branch
B. K. Halli Post, Jala Hobli
Bengaluru North - 562 149
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POSSESSION NOTICE

(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Mylanahalli Branch, Bangalore under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec 13(2) read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice dated **28.02.2024** calling upon the **1) Sri Muniraju M,** S/o Muniyappa, No 40, Mylanahalli, B K Halli Post, Jala Hobli, Bangalore – 562149. **2) Smt Manjula L,** W/o Sri Muniraju M, No 40, Mylanahalli B K Halli Post, Jala Hobli, Bangalore – 562149 **(Borrowers). 3) Sri Punith L P,** S/o Sri Lakshminarayana, No 100, Shidlaghatta Taluk, Melur, Chikkaballapura, Karnataka - 562102 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being under of **Rs.43,25,044.40** (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Forty Four and Paise Forty Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor/Owner of the property in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **13th day of May of the year 2024.**

The borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs. 43,25,044.40** (Rupees Forty ThreeLakhs Twenty Five Thousand Forty Four and Paise Forty Only) plus interest thereon along with cost.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

1. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing southern portion of the property bearing old Mylanahalli village Khaneshumari No 23/22 Present Bandikodigehalli village panchayat No 23/22 E Kahata, No 150200201100600023situated at Bandikodigehalli village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North taluk, measuring east to west 26 feet and north to south 34 feet, measuring in all 884 square feet along with building constructed thereon and bounded on the; East-By Road, West-by Property belonging to Muniyappa, North- by Northern portion of the same property bearing 23/2, South - by Road
2. Hypothecation of stocks and book debts

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 13.05.2024

Sd-
Authorised Officer
BANK OF BARODA.

Canara Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Rajajinagar 1st Block Branch
No.08, 2nd Floor, Next to Godrej Show Room, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010
Phone No. : 080-23321120,23321890, Email id: cb1145@canarabank.com

(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties)

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Rajajinagar 1st Block Branch, Bengaluru,** will be sold **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 21.06.2024,** for recovery of **Rs.27,05,761.36 paisa (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Five Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty One and Paisa Thirty Six Only)** as on **16.05.2024** with further interest/charges due to **Canara Bank, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru** from **Borrowers: (1) Ms. Surabhi. S. L,** D/o Smt.Saraswathi. K. P, No.54, 3rd Main, Nethaji Circle, Nandhini Layout, Bengaluru-560096. **(2) Smt. K. P. Saraswathi,** W/o Sri. A. T. Lokesh, No.1, 2nd Main, Hampinagar, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040.

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **20.06.2024,** by **4.00 p.m.** favoring Authorized Officer, **Canara Bank, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru** or through online payment to **Account No.- 209272434 (IFSC : CNRB0001145)** the description of the property is as under.

(Rupees in Lakh)

Description of the immovable Property	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value at the Bid
All that part and parcel of the Residential property being the Western portion of Site No. 174, Khata No.133, situated at Doddabele Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-562132, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, totally measuring 1,200 Square Feet, alongwith the building standing thereon and bounded on: East by: Site No.175, West by: Site No.173, North by: Site No.137, South by: Road.	Rs. 32,96,000/-	Rs. 3,29,600/-	Rs. 50,000/-

Date & Time of Auction : 21.06.2024 (11.00 AM to 02:00 PM), Date of Sale Notice : 17.05.2024.
Property Inspection Date : with prior appointment with authorized officer, during office hours.
Place of Auction : Online. www.bankeauctionwizard.com
Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
Details of Auction service provider: **M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd. Contact Person Mr. Pakhare D / Mr. Ramesh. T.H, Bengaluru (Contact no.9480691777 & 8553643144, e-mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in .**
For further details contact Canara Bank, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru, No.08, 2nd Floor, Next to Godrej Show Room, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010, Phone No. 080-23321120,23321890, E-mail : cb1145@canarabank.com, during office hours on any working day. OR the Service Provider M/s. Canbank Computer Services Ltd. Bengaluru (Contact No. 9480691777 & 8553643144, e-mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in.

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 17.05.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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4 dead
as severe storm lashes Houston, in Texas, where at least 88,000 homes are without power

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • WI: Windy • HR: Heavy Rain • SN: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	33	19	SNY	Los Angeles	21	13	SNY
Colombo	31	36	HR	Melbourne	15	11	LC
Dhaka	38	28	SNY	Moscow	19	6	LC
Dubai	30	26	SNY	New York	20	14	SNY
Houston	33	23	LR	Singapore	31	27	LR
Istanbul	23	14	LC	Toronto	18	13	SNY
London	21	11	LR	Washington	18	14	SNY

IDF, HAMAS ENGAGE IN FIERCEST FIGHTING IN JABALIA

Trucks carrying aid enter Gaza for the first time via US-built pier

JERUSALEM

THE Israeli army told AFP on Friday that renewed fighting in Gaza's northern town of Jabalia was "perhaps the fiercest" in over seven months of war.

The army had said in early January that it had "completed the dismantling of Hamas's military framework in the northern Gaza Strip" and vowed to focus its war efforts on central and southern areas of the Palestinian territory.

But intense fighting resumed less than a week ago in Jabalia, the second-most populous town in northern Gaza.

"Hamas was in complete control here in Jabalia until we arrived a few days ago," the Israeli army told AFP on Friday, four months after its spokesman Daniel Hagari claimed that militants were operating in the area only sporadically and "without commanders".

The current fighting in Jabalia is "perhaps the fiercest we have encountered", the army said, adding that it was now operating in the town's refugee camp. Before the war, Jabalia was home to the largest refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, with more than 1,00,000 people packed into 1.4 square kilometres, according to the UN.

The army said it had killed around 200 militants since the resumption of fighting in Jabalia on Sunday.

Images provided by the Israeli army showed soldiers moving through a maze of heavily damaged and deserted buildings. Intense fighting, accompanied by shelling, also resumed at the beginning of May in the Zeitun neighbourhood in the southwest of Gaza City, also in the north of the Palestinian territory.

Meanwhile, the first trucks began supplying aid to the war-ravaged Gaza Strip via a temporary pier on Friday, the US military said, as fighting raged in the Palestinian territory.

US Central Command said "trucks carrying humanitarian assistance began moving ashore" via the long-awaited pier, a day after it was anchored to a Gaza beach.

"This is an ongoing, multinational effort to deliver additional aid to Palestinian civilians in Gaza via a maritime corridor that is entirely humanitarian in nature," it said. The US military issued pictures showing aid being lifted onto a barge in the nearby Israeli port of Ashdod. *Agencies*

Satellite image shows US-built Trident Pier on the Gaza coast | AFP

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 224

TOLL SO FAR
36,945

Israel army says bodies of 3 hostages recovered

The Israeli army said on Friday that troops had recovered the bodies of three hostages in the war-torn Gaza Strip who had been "murdered" by their captors. "Last night, the Israel Defence Forces rescued the bodies of our hostages Shani Louk, Amit Buskila and Itzhak Gelerenter, who were taken hostage on October 7 and murdered," army spokesman Daniel Hagari said

Israel tells ICJ it's doing all it can to protect civilians

THE HAGUE

ISRAEL strongly denied charges of genocide on Friday, telling the United Nations' top court it was doing everything it could to protect the civilian population during its military operation in Gaza.

The International Court of Justice wrapped up a third round of hearings on emergency measures requested by South Africa, which says Israel's military incursion in the southern city of Rafah threatens the 'very survival of Palestinians in Gaza' and has asked the court to order a cease-fire.

Tamar Kaplan-Tourgeman, one of Israel's legal team, defended the country's conduct, saying it had allowed in fuel and medication to the beleaguered enclave.

"Israel takes extraordinary measures in order to minimize the harm to civilians in Gaza," Kaplan-Tourgeman told The Hague-based court.

A protester shouting 'Liars" briefly interrupted Kaplan-Tourgeman's final remarks. The hearing was paused for less than a minute while security guards escorted a woman from the public gallery.

South Africa told the court on Thursday that the situation in the beleaguered enclave has reached 'a new and horrific stage' and urged judges to order a half to Israeli military operations. The court was holding a third round of hearings on emergency measures requested by South Africa since it first filed its genocide case at the end of last year. According to the latest request, South Africa says Israel's military incursion in Rafah threatens the 'very survival of Palestinians in Gaza.' In January, judges ordered Israel to do all it can to prevent death, destruction and any acts of genocide in Gaza, but the panel stopped short of ordering an end to the military offensive. Judges will now deliberate on the request and are expected to issue a decision in the next weeks.

ICJ judges have broad powers to order a cease-fire and other measures, though the court doesn't have its own enforcement apparatus. A 2022 order by the court demanding that Russia halt its full-scale invasion of Ukraine has so far gone unheeded. *AFP*

Hearing briefly interrupted by protest

The hearing at the International Court of Justice on Friday was briefly interrupted, as judges were listening to Israel's concluding defence against charges of "genocide" from South Africa. A woman shouting "liars" could be heard on the feed, which then went down for less than a minute before restarting and the lawyer for Israel concluding her remarks

HEZBOLLAH ARMS STRIKE FEAR IN ISRAEL

TWO RECENT ATTACKS

Hezbollah launched a small type of guided missile known as Almas at an Israeli military post that controlled a surveillance balloon flying over the border. They released camera footage afterward to show they had hit their mark

More recently, the militant ground carried out its deepest attack in Israel to date using explosive drones to strike at a base in Ilaniya near the city of Tiberias about 35 kilometers from the Lebanon border

Fire that broke out near Israeli city of Kiryat Shmona as a result of rockets launched from Lebanon | AFP

Hezbollah's use of more advanced weaponry, including drones capable of firing missiles, explosive drones and the small type of guided missile known as Almas has raised alarms within the Israeli military

250 HEZBOLLAH FIGHTERS KILLED SINCE FIGHTING BROKE OUT ALONG THE LEBANON-ISRAEL BORDER A DAY AFTER THE ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR STARTED ON OCTOBER 7

DRONES TAKE THE FRONT SEAT

The official familiar with the group's operations said Hezbollah had reduced the numbers of fighters along the border areas

While it continues to fire Russian-made anti-tank Kornet missiles from areas close to the border, th egroup has also shifted to firing drones and other types of rockets with heavy warheads

Over the weekend, Hezbollah said it had launched a new rocket with a heavy warhead named Jihad Mughniyeh after a senior operative who was killed in an Israeli airstrike on southern Syria in 2015

SUNDARAM HOME

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DEMAND NOTICE

(Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002)

The under mentioned parties are hereby informed that the Company has initiated proceedings against each of you under the SARFAESI ACT, 2002, and that the notices under Section 13(2) of the Sarfaesi Act sent to each of you separately by Regd. Post Ack. due have been returned unserved. Hence both / all of you are hereby called upon to take notice to pay jointly and severally the below mentioned outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Company shall proceed and exercise all or any of the powers conferred upon the Secured Creditor under Section 13 (4) of the Sarfaesi Act to realize its dues with interests and costs as contemplated under the Act. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Company.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower & Co-Borrower	File No.Amount (Outstanding Rs.)	Description of the Secured Property
1	**Mr. Yatheesh R Thubgere (Borrower) 0,** No. 787 2n Floor, 3rd Main, 2nd Phase, 5th Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore - 560098.	**File No. BJN20170016, Rs. 27,42,572/-** As on 27/04/2024) along with further interest, Cost and other charges etc., if any till actual date of payment)	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat bearing No.S-2, On Second Floor, Having 1470 Sq.feet Super built up area, along with 455 Sq Feet UDS constructed on property bearing site No.119/A, PID No.10-69-119/A, Situated Mahalakshmi Layout Firther Extension, Bangalore - 560086, Measuring East to West 15.24 Mtrs and North to South 21.3+23.77/2, Bangalore. **Boundaries of the Entire Land. Bounded on the:** North By: Road, South By: Road, East By: Site No.120, West By: Site No.119. Boundries of the Flat S-2. **Bounded on the:** North By: Road, South By: Flat No.S-1, East By: Site No. 120, West By: Site No.119. Which is more fully and particularly described in the Title Deed No.5676/15-16.
2	**Mrs. Chethana S (Co-Borrower),** No 787, 2n Floor, 3rd Main, 2nd Phase, 5th Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore - 560098.	**File No. BJN20170123, Rs. 7,24,803/-** As on 27/04/2024) along with further interest, Cost and other charges etc., if any till actual date of payment)	

for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD., Authorised officer.

EXPRESS READ

Pak mulls 5-yr extension on $15.5 bn Chinese debt

Islamabad: Amidst talks with the IMF about a fresh loan, cash-strapped Pakistan is contemplating seeking a five-year extension on the USD 15.5 billion debt in the Chinese energy sector, it emerged on Friday. The consent of the Chinese government as well as its Independent Power Producers' operating in Pakistan is mandatory to alter the existing contracts, which might require long negotiations to clinch the desired results, *The News* reported. "If the govt decides to make a formal request to China, it will require long negotiations," the paper said.

Cars burnt during protests in the Magenta district of Noumea, New Caledonia | AFP

Govt lose control of areas in New Caledonia amid violence over voting reform

NOUMEA

AREAS of the Pacific territory of New Caledonia have "escaped" state control, the French government's representative said on Friday, announcing fresh security deployments after days of deadly violence.

Reinforcements arrived to quell days of riots over voting reform that have left five dead and hundreds injured.

Military and police "reinforcements will control areas that have got out of our hands in recent days," said French high commissioner Louis Le Franc, the highest-ranking state official in New Caledonia.

Anger over France's plan to impose new voting rules has spiralled into the deadliest violence in four decades in the archipelago of 2,70,000 people, which lies between Australia and Fiji—17,000 kilometres from Paris.

French Prime Minister Gabriel Attal said Thursday that about 1,000 extra security forces were being sent to New Caledonia—adding to the 1,700 already present.

They began landing Thursday at the French army-controlled La Tontouta International Airport and could be seen moving through the capital Noumea in red berets, toting rifles, gas masks and riot shields.

President Emmanuel Macron cancelled a video conference with local leaders on Thursday for lack of willing participants, but began contacting pro- and anti-independence officials individually on Friday, his office said. Using state of emergency powers, security forces had imposed "a calmer and more peaceful situation" around Noumea for the first time since the unrest started on Monday, the high commission said. *AFP*

French police kill man attempting to set fire to synagogue in Rouen

PARIS

FRENCH police on Friday shot dead an Algerian man armed with a knife and an iron bar who tried to set fire to a synagogue in the northern city of Rouen, adding to concerns over anti-Semitic violence in the country.

The French Jewish community, the third largest in the world, has for months been on edge in the face of a growing number of attacks and desecrations of memorials.

Emergency services were alerted after a fire was detected at the synagogue, with the man spotted on its roof brandishing an iron bar and a kitchen knife, the prosecutor handling the case said. Smoke was coming out of one window at the synagogue, Rouen prosecutor Frederic Teillet told reporters.

The attacker ran towards one police officer threatening him with a knife. The officer then "shot him five times, hitting him four times", the prosecutor said. The man died at the scene.

The attack was an "anti-Semitic act against a place that is sacred to the Republic", Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin told reporters in Rouen, adding he regretted the "unacceptable, despicable" violence against Jewish people in France.

The man was an Algerian whose application for a residency permit in France for health treatment had been rejected by the authorities, Darmanin said. He had lodged an appeal against an expulsion order but this had been rejected and he was then wanted by the security forces for deportation, said Darmanin. But he had no record of radicalisation, the minister said.

"If he had been arrested he would have been put into detention ahead of expulsion to his home country," said Darmanin. The synagogue is in the historic centre of Rouen, the main city of the northern region of Normandy that lies on the River Seine. A local resident said he heard gunshots.

"I decided to open the shutters of my apartment, and indeed I saw smoke coming from the synagogue, the police, the firefighters and in the street a body—that of the attacker who was shot," he said. *AFP*

Burnt part of a synagogue after a man tried to set it on fire in Rouen | AFP

ICICI Bank

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PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E- AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mrs. Sujatha N (Borrower) Ramakka Ramakka (Co-Borrowers) Loan Account Number LBBNG00005560686 LBBNG00005855857	All That Piece And Parcel of The Apartment Bearing No. 706, In The 7th Floor With Vitrified Tiles Situated Within Block No. 16 In The Building Bearing The Name And Style VBHC Vaibhava' Admeasuring 620 Square Feet of Super Built-up Area And Comprising of 2 BHK, Covered Car Parking Spaces Gram Panchayath (Khatha) Property Id Number 150200101300722163. Situated At Byagadadenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Bounded With East By: Flat No. 705, West By: Flat No.17/703, North By: Flat No. 707, South By: Road.	Rs. 32,66,889/- (as on May 03, 2024)	Rs. 21,35, 000/- / Rs. 2,13, 500/-	June 06, 2024 From 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	June 29, 2024 From 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
2.	Mrs. Sujatha N (Borrower) Ramakka Ramakka (Co-Borrowers) Loan Account Number LBBNG00005811527	All That Piece And Parcel of The Apartment Bearing No. 706, Situated Within Block No.17 In The Building Bearing He Name And Style 'VBHC Vaibhava' Admeasuring 640 Square Feet of Super Built-up Area And Comprising of 2BHK Bedrooms, Along With Covered Car Parking Spaces, And Situated On The Schedule A Property. Presently Grampanchayat Khata Number:1714/706. Situated At Byagadadenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Bounded With East By: 705 West By: Road North By: 707 South By: Road	Rs. 29,34,680/- (as on May 03, 2024)	Rs. 22,00, 000/- / Rs. 2,20, 000/-	June 06, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	June 29, 2024 from 12:00 PM to 01:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-www.disposalhub.com).** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **June 28, 2024** before **04:00 PM** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.
The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068** on or before **June 28, 2024** before **05:00 PM** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **June 28, 2024** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068** on or **June 28, 2024** before **05:00 PM.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Bangalore.**
For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** on **7304918084 /9844542086/8008999536.**
Please note that Marketing agencies **1. No Broker.in 2. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**

Date: May 18, 2024
Place: Bangalore

Authorised Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

ASIA MATTERS

SUSPECTED TERRORIST STABS 2 COPS

A machete-wielding attacker suspected of ties to an Al-Qaeda linked group stormed a police station in Malaysia in a dawn raid Friday and killed two officers, police said. The attacker, who police said had links to Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), slashed one officer before grabbing a gun and shooting another, police inspector-general Razarudin Husain said. A third policeman was also wounded, before he shot dead the attacker. "Two of our men were killed in the attack," Razarudin told reporters. An estimated 20 JI members are believed to be in Johor, he said

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER		FOREX	
253.31	Sensex	73,917.03	₹270	24 carat (10 gm)	₹73,900	1 kg	₹89,100	Dollar	83.34
62.25	Nifty	22,466.10	₹250	22 carat (10 gm)	₹67,750	10 gm	₹891	Euro	90.51

'India to corner 18% of global GDP'

FM says country is poised to become the world's fastest-growing economy in the years ahead

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has projected India's share in global growth for the next five years to be at 18%. She conveyed optimism that the BJP government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi will secure victory in the Lok Sabha poll 2024 on June 4.

"We are confident that PM Modi is coming back with a good majority... We are looking at an India, which is going to be dynamic, contributing 18% to the global growth," Sitharaman said while addressing the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) Annual Business Summit 2024 on Friday.

Currently, India's share in world GDP is around 10% in purchasing power parity (PPP) terms. India is ranked third in terms of GDP in PPP terms after China (whose share in global GDP is 19%) and the US (13%). She said with a burgeoning consumer market projected to double by 2031, coupled with an increase in consumption expenditure and a consistent uptrend in financial services spending, India is positioned to maintain its status as the world's fastest-growing economy in the years ahead.

She stressed that India looks at the private sector as a partner in the development of India. Meanwhile she also said the full budget for FY25 will be announced in July 2024 when the new government will be formed. As per Sitharaman, the opportunity provided by India's demographic dividend spans the next 30 years. India's shift towards green energy and a sustainable economy is poised to create a fresh market and global demand. Referring to a 2021 World Economic Forum report, she highlighted projections of 50 million net new economy jobs emerging in India, along with a $1 trillion economic impact by 2030.

In addition, Arvind Panagariya, Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission, said if India sustains the growth trend seen over the past two decades, it can rank as the world's third-largest economy by 2027-28. He highlighted that in the period starting from 2003-04, India eradicated extreme poverty, which now affects less than 3% of the population.

He further added that a large part of the workforce in agriculture has to move to industrial or services economy, and that is the pathway to transformation.

BJP will win in LS poll: FM

Sitharaman conveyed optimism that the BJP government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi will secure victory in the Lok Sabha poll 2024 on June 4. Currently, India's share in world GDP is around 10% in purchasing power parity (PPP) terms. India is ranked third in terms of GDP in PPP terms after China

Renewables to create jobs

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Recommendations on OTT communication apps soon

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is in the process of finalising its recommendations on whether over-the-top (OTT) communication apps like WhatsApp, Telegram, and Signal need to be regulated.

The regulatory body announced an open house discussion in next two to three months over the regulation of OTT communication apps. TRAI chairman Anil Kumar Lahoti, on the sidelines of an event on Friday, dismissed that current OTT paper has become infructuous in the wake of notification of the Telecom Act. The Telecommunication Act 2023 removed the provision of regulation of OTT communication from its final version. "I know, we have an ongoing consultation on OTT communications. It is just that in last few months we are burning the midnight oil, clearing the number of references pending with us, and OTT communication is also in the line," said Lahoti.

In July 2023, TRAI had come up with a consultation paper on the regulatory mechanism for OTT communication services, after the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) asked the agency to reconsider its 2020 recommendations. In its 2020 recommendation, TRAI had proposed no regulation OTT services. In December 2023, telecom minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said OTT players or applications won't be covered under the new telecom bill and will continue to be regulated by the IT Act of 2000.

When asked if the consultation paper was infructuous after enacting the Telecom Act, Lahoti answered in the negative. He said the OTT consultation was initiated after the recommendation of a Parliamentary panel so this consultation will be completed. "The OTT consultation was initiated after the recommendation of a Parliamentary panel so this consultation will be completed, and we will give our recommendation... which Act it becomes a part of and which ministry, or which regulator deals with it, is a separate matter," he said. He also mentioned that TRAI is dealing with OTT communication as a subject.

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Vodafone to prioritise 4G network growth over 5G; to spend ₹55,000 crore

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

EVEN as other telecom service providers have been rolling out 5G, Vodafone Idea Limited (Vi), the country's third-largest telecom operator, is still prioritising expanding its 4G networks.

The telco on Friday announced that it will spend ₹55,000 crore in the next three years in capex, and focus on 4G expansion.

"The capex will be spent on —expansion of 4G coverage by rolling out more sites, capacity growth in 4G where sites have been deployed already. The third will be 5G where rollout must be started afresh and then there will be enterprise... Our topmost priority is expanding 4G coverage, which is the only reason why we continue to lose customers, that capex will be fairly accelerated. The rest will happen as traffic grows," said Akshaya Moondra, Vodafone Idea CEO in its fourth quarter FY24 investor call.

The telco has been losing its subscribers to the competitors for not investing in its network and improving 4G services. As per TRAI data, Vi has lost 16.25 million subscribers in the first 11 months of FY24. However, it earlier said the subscriber depletion is not due to not launching its commercial 5G services but not having a proper 4G network.

Vi is the only private telco, other than Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio that is yet to come up with commercial 5G launches.

The telco has only launched 5G networks in the country to meet Minimum Rollout Obligation to avoid penalties from the Department of Telecommunication (DoT). It has so far launched 5G in 4 circles - Maharashtra (Pune), Delhi, Chennai and Punjab to meet minimum rollout obligation. It will soon launch its 5G services in Bihar and Mumbai but not commercially.

SpiceJet gets relief from paying ₹270 cr to Maran

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

LOW-cost carrier SpiceJet received a major relief on Friday as a division bench of the Delhi High Court overturned its previous ruling that directed the airline to refund over ₹270 crore to its former promoter Kalanithi Maran of the Sun Group.

A bench of Justices Yashwant Varma and Ravinder Dudeja allowed the appeals filed by SpiceJet and its managing director Ajay Singh challenging the single judge's July 31, 2023 order. "The appeals stand allowed. Consequently, the July 31, 2023 order (of the single judge) is set aside," the bench said.

Following this development, shares of SpiceJet rose as much as 6.5% and closed 5.5% higher at ₹63 apiece.

The bench had earlier refused to stay the single judge's order and had asked Maran and his company Kal Airways to respond to the appeal. SpiceJet and Singh's counsel had earlier argued that the challenge was on the issue of 18% interest, which the tribunal had directed SpiceJet to pay.

On July 31, 2023, the single judge had upheld the award announced by the arbitral tribunal on July 20, 2018, in favour of Maran and his Kal Airways. It had said the court was barred from entering into the merits of an award unless there was an error that was apparent on the face of the record or an illegality that goes to the root of the matter. Singh had approached the single-judge bench of the high court challenging the arbitral award.

HC bench allows SpiceJet appeals

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JSW Steel profit falls 62%, total income declines 2% in Q4FY24

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

JSW Steel has reported a 62% drop in consolidated net profit in the quarter ended March 2024. The consolidated net profit fell from ₹3,446 crore in the fourth quarter of FY23 to ₹1,322 crore in the same quarter in FY24.

Total income during the quarter also fell 2% to ₹46,511. Operating EBITDA of the company during the quarter was ₹6,124 crore. The company in a press statement said that crude steel production during the quarter was 6.79 million tonne, and recorded the highest-ever sale of saleable steel at 6.73 million tonne.

In FY24, the company, however, posted a 116% growth in net profit at ₹8,793 crore compared to ₹4,139 crore in FY23. The company also posted the highest ever revenue from operations during FY24 at ₹1.75 lakh crore. During the previous financial year (FY24), the company produced highest ever crude steel at 26.43 million tonne, and sold highest-ever saleable steel at 24.78 million tonne.

The company's net debt to equity stood at 0.93x at the end of the March 2024 quarter, as against 1.02x at the end of Q3 FY24. Net debt as of March 31, 2024, stood at ₹73,916 crore, lower by ₹5,305 crore than in December 2023 quarter due to healthy cash generation, release of working capital and calibrated capex.

Meanwhile, the company on Friday announced that the board has approved acquisition of Minas de Revuboe Limitada (MDR), which owns a high quality and large scale pre-development stage premium hard coking coal mine project in the Moatize Basin of Tete Province in Mozambique. It is one of the largest pre-development stage premium hard coking coal projects globally and has mineral reserves in excess of 800 million tonnes. The consideration for the acquisition has not been disclosed.

An INDIA alliance victory will lead to de-rating of markets: Brokerage report

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

IF Congress-led INDIA alliance comes to power, it will lead to de-rating in markets and in specific sectors such as defence, capital goods, tourism, PSU's (including banks), drones, AMC, wires and cables, plastic pipes and EMS, said brokerage firm Prabhudas Lilladher in its 'India Strategy Report – Mandate 2024, Brace of Volatility' report on Friday.

The report comes as India completes the 4th phase of what it calls the most 'hotly contested Lok Sabha elections in its history'. It added that the narrative of NDA falling short of a majority or INDIA alliance coming to power is raising their head, at least in social media and global press. Most brokerages and opinion polls, however, still feel a win for the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP.

Markets have been nervous for the past couple of weeks and sustained volatility in the run-up to June 4 seems likely. Fear around a repeat of UPA victory in 2004 is making markets nervous as the unexpected event had resulted in a 15% decline in Sensex in a single day.

Owing to low voter turnout, the market experienced a major correction last week with the benchmarks (BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty) plummeting 2% each. The bloodbath was more visible in the midcap and smallcap stocks.

The market, however, made a quick recovery this week as low inflation data in the US raised chances of at least two rate cuts by the Federal Reserve in 2024, a big positive for the market. Sensex gained 2.7% this week to close the Friday session at 73,917 while Nifty settled 2.3% higher at 22,466.

ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

ECONOMY FALLS IN Q1 ON WEAK YEN, CONSUMPTION

The economy of Japan declined faster than expected in Q1 as weak yen continued to batter consumers. This throws a fresh challenge to the central bank's push to get interest rates further away from near zero. Preliminary GDP data released on Thursday showed the economy shrank 2% annually in January-March period from the prior quarter. GDP barely grew in the Q4 of 2023, due to downgrades to capital expenditure estimates. The latest GDP reading translates into a quarterly contraction of 0.5%, versus a 0.4% fall expected by economists. Revised Q1 figures will be released on June 10. The weak yen has created a two-speed economy in Japan, with the export and tourism sectors benefiting from a competitive exchange rate but households and small businesses squeezed by inflated costs of imported goods.

MALAYSIA

ECONOMY GROWS FASTER THAN EXPECTED

Helped by household spending and a turnaround in exports, the economy of Malaysia grew faster than expected in the first quarter of 2024. Though some analysts said the rebound could be short-lived with price pressures set to increase. The country's gross domestic product (GDP) increased 4.2% in the January-March quarter d from a year earlier, central bank and government data showed on Friday. Annual growth in the final quarter of 2023 was revised down slightly to 2.9%. Exports grew 2.2% on an annual basis in the first quarter, after three consecutive quarters of contraction, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) and the Statistics Department said at a joint press conference. Risks to expansion include weaker-than-expected global growth, lower commodity prices, and further escalation of geopolitical conflicts, he said.

SINGAPORE

GDP TO GROW 2.1% THIS YEAR: IMF

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicted that the economy of Singapore will grow by 2.1% in 2024, a pickup from 1.1% last year. This was on the back of recovery in manufacturing, tourism and consumer-facing services. An IMF team led by Masahiro Nozaki gave projected its headline and core inflation will moderate to 3% this year, with the latter expected to stabilise at about 2% by 2025. As per Nozaki, inflation tends to persist due to uncertainties in global energy and food prices and rising labour costs. He called on the country to maintain a tight monetary policy until inflationary pressure eases, and to adjust the policy in a timely manner. The expert noted the support programme that the Singaporean government is providing for vulnerable households and firms is appropriate and will complement the tight monetary policy stance.

EXPRESS READ

IT major Wipro's COO Amit Choudhary resigns

BENGALURU: Wipro's chief operating officer (COO) Amit Choudhary has stepped down to pursue opportunities outside the organisation. It announced on Friday appointment of Sanjeev Jain as new COO effective immediately. This is the second big resignation after former CEO Thierry Delaporte resigned in April. On May 10, its President-APMEA Anis Chenchah resigned from his role. *ENS*

Sebi may allow MFs to invest in foreign funds

MUMBAI: Capital markets watchdog Sebi is planning to allow mutual funds to invest in the overseas funds which have some exposure to domestic securities, provided their total exposure is not more than 20% of their net assets.
The move would help keep domestic fund of funds (FoFs) on one hand and cost effectiveness for investors on the other. *ENS*

Shibulal's family member sells stake in Infosys

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

INFOSYS co-founder SD Shibulal's daughter-in-law Bhairavi Madhusudhan Shibulal has sold a portion of her holding in the company on the stock exchanges.

She held 60,21,716 shares, amounting to 0.15% of the total shareholding. In a regulatory filing, she said, "In terms of Regulation 29(2) of the Takeover Regulations, we are hereby informing you about the Sale of 3,61,302 equity shares (representing 0.01%) of Infosys Limited by way of Sale on the platform of the Stock Exchange on 15th May,2024." Each share is priced at ₹1,421.4376.

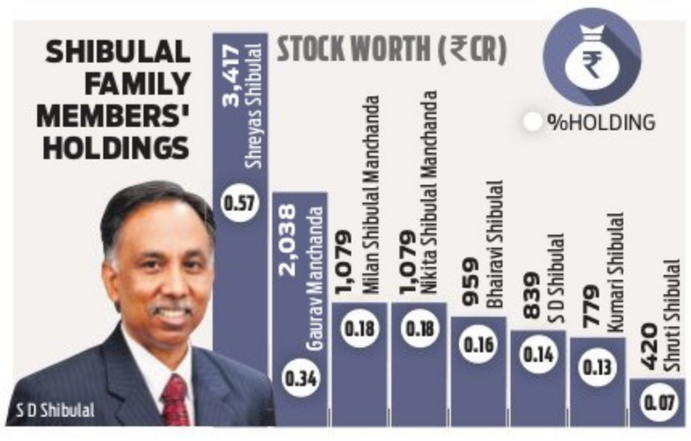
According to a statement, the sale was executed by Cholamandalam Securities Limited as the Sole Broker.

"The co-founders have nurtured the company for over three decades, transforming it into one of the most professionally-run companies in India with a global presence. Proceeds from the partial stake monetization will be utilized for a combination of personal and philanthropic activities," it added.

In November she sold 10,400 shares. As of March 2024, Shibulal, who was the CEO of the company between 2011 and 2014, holds 52,08,673 shares or 0.14% stake. His wife Kumari Shibulal holds 49,45,935 shares or 0.13% stake in the Bengaluru-based IT company. Earlier in January this year, the co-founder's family sold over 6.59 lakh shares.

His other family members too hold shares in the company. Nikita Shibulal Manchanda and Milan Shibulal Manchanda hold 0.18% stake each. Shreyas Shibulal holds 0.57%, Shruti Shibulal holds 0.07% and Gaurav Manchanda holds 0.34% stake.

The promoter group of the company holds 14.71% of the total shares.



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SBI increases short-term retail FD rates

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

SIGNALLING better returns for depositors, going forward, country's largest lender State Bank of India has increased the pricing on short-term retail fixed deposits (FDs) by 25-75 basis points, taking the peak offering to 6.25%, a move other banks also likely to follow amidst rising credit demand and falling liquidity.

This is the first interest rate hike on deposits since December last by the bank that controls over a fifth of the system wide funds and liabilities, when it had jacked up the prices by up to 65 bps.

Unlike savings or current deposits, a FD gets better pricing for the account holder as it is for a fixed tenure unlike the current and savings accounts deposits. While the former don't fetch any earnings for the depositor, the latter offer a nominal rate which is as low as 2.75% per annum from SBI and as high as 5-7% by some private sector lenders. These deposits have no tenor and the fund can be withdrawn with no notice to the bank. One basis point is one-hundredth of a percentage point.

For retail domestic term deposits (below ₹2 crore) maturing between 46 and 179 days, SBI is now offering 75 bps more at 5.5% from 4.75% earlier and 6% to senior citizens as against 5.25% earlier. For deposits on the 180-210 days maturity, the pricing is 6 percent now from 5.75 percent and 6.25 percent for seniors. The bank is now offering 6.25% on deposits maturing in the 211-365 days tenor compared to 6% earlier.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Smt. Vimala S. W/o. Srinivas** is the absolute owner of the 'Schedule property' by virtue of decree dated 10.04.2001 drawn in O.S.No.33/2000 filed against one Late Siddappa on the file of II Additional Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru. Further, my client has also filed a suit in O.S.No.127/2018 before the Court of the IV Additional Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru against the legal heirs of Late Siddappa and in the said suit, the Hon'ble Court has granted an order of Temporary injunction restraining the legal heirs of Late Siddappa from cutting the trees on the 'Scheduled Property' and interfering with my client's possession and enjoyment of the 'Scheduled Property'. Recently, my client has learnt that legal heirs of Late Siddappa having no manner of rights or possession in the 'Scheduled property' have been making hectic attempts to alienate or create third party rights in respect of the 'Scheduled property' based on bogus documents to make illegal gains. Any alienations of the 'Scheduled Property' if made by the said persons would not confer any right or interest in the alienee/s over the 'Scheduled Property'. Hence, the public is hereby warned not to enter any transactions with the aforesaid legal heirs of Late Siddappa or any persons claiming through or under them in respect of the 'Scheduled property'. If any person/s enter/s into or already entered any transaction in respect of 'Scheduled Property', the same shall neither be valid in law nor bind my clients.

SCHEDULED PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property carved out of Sy.No 46, Presently 46/P153, Kaggalipura Grama, Noukolpalya road, Bangalore south Taluk measuring 2 Acres 20 Guntas bounded on the:

East by: Road, West by: Road, Dinnepalya Road, North by: Rajakaluve and Kuntaramanna, Munamma, Veerabhadraiah's Property, Presently, Nagaraju, Former Chairman of Kaglipura Panchayath is in possession, South by: Noukolpalya Road.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that, our client is intending to purchase the Schedule Property mentioned below from its owners viz., 1) Marappa.T.M and his family members viz., Lakshmi Devi.K, Anusha.T.M and Abishek.T.M 2) Krishnamurthy @ Murthy.T.M and his family members viz., M.N.Gangadevi, Adarsha.T.K and Anjali.T.K 3) Savithramma 4) Guramma 5) Ramamani 5) Munirathnamma and 6) Rukminamma. It is represented by the Owners that, they have acquired the Schedule Property through the ancestral. It is represented, further, by the Owners that, they have clear, valid and marketable title to the Schedule Property and it is free from all encumbrances.

If any person/s who claim/s any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the said Schedule Property and/or any objections of any nature to the transaction should lodge such claims and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within Seven days hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and our Clients would proceed to complete the transaction with aforesaid Owner subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BBMP Khatha No.152/49/38 and 124, in SY.No.124, Old Sy.No.49/38, (Converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose, vide a Conversion Certificate bearing No.ALN.SR(S)8/1992-93, dated 26.12.1992, issued by the Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore Sub-Division, Bangalore), situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring 330 feet X 262 feet, in all measuring 86460 Sq.ft and bounded on the :-

East by : BDA Property
West by : Sy.No.106
North by : Sy.No.49
South by : Sy.No108

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M:- 9986349626 Place : Bangalore.

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ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಅದರ ಮಾಲೀಕರಾಗಿರುವ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560086, ಮಹಾಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಬಡಾವಣೆ, 3ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, 14ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡ ರಸ್ತೆ ಮನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 861 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿದ್ದು ಹಾಲಿ ಸ್ಯಾನ್ ಡಿಯಾಗೋ ಸಿಎ 92127, ಕ್ಯಾಮಿ ನಿಟೊ ಕ್ಯಾಮೆ ಲಿಯಾ, ನಂ. 7837 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ದಿ|| ಕೆ.ಎನ್.ವೀರಭದ್ರಯ್ಯ ರವರ ಮಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಶ್ರೀ. ಡಾ|| ಓ.ಎಲ್.ಪ್ರಭು ರವರ ಧರ್ಮ ಪತ್ನಿಯಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ವಿಜಯ. ಕೆ. ವಿ. ಪ್ರಭು ರವರಿಂದ ಖರೀದಿ ಮಾಡಲು ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾರಿಗಾದರೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಹಕ್ಕು ಬಾಧ್ಯತೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ ವುಳ್ಳವರು ಯಾರಾದರು ಇದ್ದರೆ ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ಹತ್ತು ದಿನಗಳ ಒಳಗೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಆಹವಾಲನ್ನು ದಾಖಲೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ವಿಳಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು/ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಹತ್ತು ದಿನಗಳ ನಂತರ ಬಂದಂತಹ ಆಹವಾಲು ಅಥವಾ ತಕರಾರುಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಯತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿವರ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು 560086, ಮಹಾಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, 3ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, 14ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಪಿಐಡಿ ನಂ.14–52–90, ಮನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 861 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪೂರ್ವ–ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ: 33 ಅಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ಉತ್ತರ–ದಕ್ಷಿಣ : 55 ಅಡಿ ಅಳತೆವುಳ್ಳ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿಗೆ ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ.

ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ :: ರಸ್ತೆ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ :: ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 860
ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ :: ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 843 ಮತ್ತು ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ :: ರಸ್ತೆ
ಈ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಇರುವ ನಿವೇಶನದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಹಳೆ ಮನೆ ಇರುವ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಒಚಿದು.

ಟಿ. ಹನುಮಂತರಾಯಪ್ಪ ಬಿ.ಎ, ಎಲ್‌ಎಲ್.ಬಿ, ವಕೀಲರು
ನಂ.20, 8ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಟೆಂಟ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಗಣೇಶ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ನಂದಿನಿಲೇಔಟ್,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು 560096. ಮೊ : 9901404709

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Vidyaranyapura Branch
No. 194, NTI Layout
1st Cross Road, Vidyaranyapura
Bengaluru - 560 097

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank, Vidyaranyapura Branch, Bengaluru under the Socuritization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2)of Chapter-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice/s on below date, calling upon the following borrower/s/ Guarantor/s to repay dam within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrowers: 1) Mr Magimainathan - Borrower 834, Ramakrishna Hegde Nagar, Bangalore - 560077 Ph: 7411809580 **2. Mrs Gnanaprakash - Joint Borrower** 834 S/O Susainathan 3rd Cross, Hegde Nagar, Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Bangalore -560077 Ph: 7411809580 **3. Mrs. Rabeka - Joint Borrower** 834 D/O Susainathan 3rd Cross, Hegde Nagar, Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Bangalore -560077 Ph: 8123247515 **4. Mr. Micheal Susainathan - Joint Borrower** 834 S/O Susainathan 3rd Cross, Hegde Nagar, Shivarama Karanth Nagar Post, Bangalore -560077 Ph: 9880324242 **5. Mrs. Sagaya Mary - Joint Borrower** W/O Susainathan 834 3 Cross, RK Hegdenagar, SRK Post, Bangalore -560077 Ph: 9900568503 **1. Mr. Sivasubramanian V - Guarantor** No. 17 Vishnupadam 1st Cr Bds Lo, RK Hegdenagar Bangalore -560077 Ph: 7353433200.

Loan Account No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of sanction	Amount
04819830000019	Mortgage Loan	11.05.2016	1000000

Total Liability with Interest as on 06.05.2024 **Rs. 3,19,527.45** (Three Lakhs Ninteen Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Seven and Fourty Five Paise) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs. Rate of Interest 11.65%.

Date of NPA: 30.04.2024 **Date: 06.05.2024**

SCHEDULE —B [Details of security assets]

Residential Site Property bearing No 834 formed in land bearing Sy No 97 situated at Rachenahalli Village K R Puram Hobli BETQ(Bangalore East Taluk) Now comes under BBMP Limits Ward No 6 New municipal No 393/97/834 RK Hegde Nagar measuring E to W 50ft and N to S 30ft totally 1500sqft of property. **Boundaries:** East-House No 817, West- Road, South -House No 833, North -House No 835

The above borrowers committed default of repayment of loans as above and the loans are duly secured by way of mortgage of property described as above and were classified as Non Performing Assets on various dates mentioned as above. The Bank issued Registered to all the above borrower/Guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. (SARFAESI Act) calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount. We now call upon to pay the above mentioned liability with further interest and cost accrued till date within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which, Bank at be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as per Section 13(4) (a) to (b) of SARFAESI act 2002 against the secured assets given in the schedule above. The above borrower/s in particular and the pub. In general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the above properties and restrained from dealing in term of Section 13 (13) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and any dealings with ,ne properties will be subject to the charge of Canary Bank for the accounts mentioned above with further interest and cost, expenses thereon.

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 17.05.2024 **Canara Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE
Tata Elxsi Ltd.
ITPB Road, Whitefield Bengaluru, Karnataka-560048

NOTICE is hereby given that the certificate(s) for the under-mentioned securities of the Company has been lost/misplaced and the holder of the said securities/ applicant has applied to the Company to issue duplicate certificate.

Any person who has a claim in respect of said securities should lodge such claim with the Company at its Registered Office within 15 days from this date, else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate certificate without further intimation.

Name of the Holder : INDER BHATIA
Kind of Securities and face value : EQUITY 10
No. of Securities: 100
Distinctive number(s): 18304491 To 18304590
Folio No.: 1087

Date : 08.05.2024 **INDER BHATIA**
Place: Delhi (Name of Holder/Applicant)

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mr. Shahid Punnkkal Noorudheen**, S/o Mohammed Noorudheen Punnakkal, residing at Punnakkal House, Eriyad Post, Kodungallur, Thrissur District, Kerala-680606, has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 30-12-2005 bearing Document No: KRI-1-11572-2005-06, at Bangalore and in this regard the complaint has been lodged at Bangalore City Unit Police bearing Lost report No.1031536/2024, dated 29/04/2024. Anybody finding the same are requested to contact the undersigned.

MENTO ISAC, Advocate
MENTO ASSOCIATES, Advocates,
No.1384, 2nd Floor, Above HDFC Bank, East End Junction, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560069. Mob: 91 9845426225
E-Mail: mentoissac@mentoassociates.com
www.mentoassociates.com,
Date:17-05-2024

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E-TENDER NOTICE

O/o the Chief Engineer, (P & SCM), Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram

E-Tender ID: 2024_KSEB_672779_1 PAC: Rs.33,79,83,500/- Last Date- 31.05.2024 05.00pm

RE- TENDER NOTICE

O/o the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Manjeri, Malappuram

E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB _672522_1 PAC: 12,75,88,413/- Last Date- 29.05.2024 03.00pm
E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB _672605_1 PAC: 6,20,78,376/- Last Date- 30.05.2024 03.00pm
E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB _672645_1 PAC: 5,80,18,001/- Last Date- 30.05.2024 03.00pm
E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB _672616_1 PAC: 8,51,54,520/- Last Date- 30.05.2024 03.00pm
E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB _672650_1 PAC: 14,30,04,013/- Last Date- 30.05.2024 03.00pm
E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB _672659_1 PAC: 9,10,21,271/- Last Date- 30.05.2024 03.00pm

Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and **www.kseb.in Ref : PR/MC1/E492/E-tender/2024**

FEDERAL BANK
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The Federal Bank Ltd., Loan Collection and Recovery Department / Bangalore Division, No. 3, Church Street, 2nd Floor, MSR West Park, Bengaluru-560 001, Karnataka, Phone: +91 9986591245, Email: bgrlcrd@federalbank.co.in Website: www.federalbank.co.in, CIN: L65191KL1931PLC000368

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

Where as, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Federal Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) of the said Act read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as Rules) issued a demand notice dated **05-03-2024** calling upon the borrowers **(1) Smt. Rajalakshmi,** W/o (late) Nagaraj H S, Proprietrix of M/s Ashacoat @ Asha Coat,21233, Santrupthi, 8th Main, 2nd Cross, (Left) Behind Ford Service Station, Hesaraghatta Road, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, T Dasarahalli, Bangalore North, Karnataka – 560057,// Sy.No. 36/4/5, Haralur Post, Gulur Hobli, Kowthamaranahalli, Tumkuru, Karnataka – 572104, // Site No. 50 and 51, 8th Main, 2nd Cross, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Mallasandra, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore – 560057, **(2) Shri. Manohar B N,** S/o (late) Nagaraj H S, 1233, Santrupthi, 8th Main, 2nd Cross, Hesaraghatta Road, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, T Dasarahalli, Bangalore North, Karnataka – 560057 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **(A) ₹ 1,55,56,485.56 /- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Five Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Five and Paise Fifty Six only)** is due as on **29.02.2024** under Cash Credit Loan with number 13345500004936 **(B) ₹ 68,52,825.68/- (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Five and Paise Sixty Eight only)** is due as on **29.02.2024** under Term Loan with number 13346900013238 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this **17th May the year 2024.**

The borrower/s' attention is invited to the provisions of section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets (security properties).

The borrower in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Federal Bank Ltd. for an amount of **(A) ₹ 1,50,21,510.56/-** (Rupees One Crore Fifty Lakh Twenty One Thousand Five Hundred Ten and Paise Fifty Six only) as on **30/04/2024** under Cash Credit Loan with number 13345500004936 **(B) ₹ 70,06,158.68/-** (Rupees Seventy Lakh Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty Eight and Paise Sixty Eight only) as on **30/04/2024** under Term Loan with number 13346900013238 and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property

1) All the piece and parcel of the land admeasuring 1 Acre 15 Guntas (1 Acre 05 Guntas + 10 Guntas) or (59895 Sq. Ft.) of Industrial Plot along with Factory building having built up Area of 19256 Sq. Ft. situated at Sy. No. 36/4 and 36/5, Khata No 371, Kowthamaranahalli Village, Gulur Hobli, Tumkur Taluk, Tumkur District, Karnataka State. 1 Acre 05 Guntas in Sy. No. 36/4 bounded on East: Road, West: Thore halla Village, North: Gangathimmaiah's land and Lakshminarasimhaiah's Land, South: Survey No. 36/5 Land measuring 0-10 Guntas, 10 Guntas in Sy. No. 36/5 bounded on East: Road, West: Rangaswamaiah S/o Rangaiah's land, North: Sy. No. 36/4 land measuring 1 Acre 05 Guntas, South: Rangaswamaiah S/o Rangaiah's land And both properties commonly and presently bounded on East: 60 Ft. Tar Road, West: Agricultural land, North: Agricultural land, South: GI Sheet Shed/Agricultural land.

2) All that piece and parcel of 1360 Sq. Ft. (East to West 40 Ft. and North to South 36+32/2 Ft.) land with Building bearing Site No. 51, having Katha No. 166, Situated at Sy. No. 65/1, presently within limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike T, Ward No. 14 Dasarahalli City, Mallasandra Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District, Karnataka State, bounded on East: Private Property, West: Road, North: Property bearing Sy. No. 65/1 belonging to Mr. Gopalakrishna and South: Property belonging to Smt. Rajalakshmi site No. 50.

3) All that piece and parcel of 1200 Sq. Ft. (East to West 40 Ft. and North to South 30 Ft.) land with Building bearing Site No. 50, having Katha No. 165, together with all building and structures thereon and situated at Sy. No. 65/1, presently within limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike T, Ward No. 14 Dasarahalli, Mallasandra Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District, Karnataka State, bounded on East: Private Property, West: Road, North: Property belonging to Mr. H S Nagaraj, Site No. 51 and South: Remaining portion of Sy. No. 65/1.

Property No. 2 and 3 (2560 Sq. Ft.) commonly and presently bounded on East: Private Property, West: 20 Feet Tar Road, North: Residential Building, South: Residential Building.

Date : 17.05.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **The Federal Bank Ltd**

Time Extension - Request For Proposal (RFP)

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM TECHNOPARK HARMONY@WORK · Kerala EMPOWERING THE FUTURE

RFP No: 91/2023-24

Proposals are invited from Technical Consultants for providing 'Consultancy Service Contract for the preparation of Masterplan for Technopark Phase IV Campus (Technocity)'. The last date for the submission of RFP is extended upto 31.05.2024.

For further details, please visit https://www.technopark.org/tenders

Date:16-05-2024 **Chief Executive Officer,**
Trivandrum **Technopark**

D3/281/2024/I&PRD

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

S. No.	Tender No. and Due Date	Description	Quantity (Nos./Sets)	EMD (Rs.)
1.	12241180 07.06.2024	Gangway Bridge Mounting	3574 Nos.	3,46,460/-
2.	14241076 13.06.2024	Stress Relieving, Shot Blasting, Painting and Machining & Transportation of Bogie Frame for IR-FIAT Bogies	369 Nos.	4,97,250/-
3.	12241097 18.06.2024	001) Lavatory Window with Fixed Louvers and Sealed Glass Unit for LHB Coaches	7638 Nos.	13,10,850/-
		002) Fixed Window for LHB Coaches	3049 Nos.	
		003) Emergency Openable Window	964 Nos.	
4.	17241188 10.06.2024	Set of Fully Automatic Sliding Doors with Mounting Arrangement for Entrance to Passenger Area for LHB First AC Coaches	9 Sets	80,710/-
5.	05241375 18.06.2024	Roof Flange	1770 Nos.	58,270/-
6.	01241177 17.06.2024	Set of Vertical Damper Support	724 Sets	1,05,850/-
7.	05241242 12.06.2024	End Wall Assembly	2779 Nos.	20,00,000/-
8.	01241151 20.06.2024	Security Disc	15215 Nos.	1,05,930/-
9.	01241174 13.06.2024	Set of Rubber Metal Bonded Items	1389 Sets	20,00,000/-
10.	04241037 28.06.2024	110 V, 120AH, VRLA Battery Set	67 Sets	2,44,830/-

1. For details and making on-line bids, visit website **http://ireps.gov.in**. Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in**. Class III-b digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in**. **2.** Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and tenders will be opened at 14.30 hrs. Tender at Sl. No. 1 to 4 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sl. No. 5 to 10 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. **3.** For queries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.

Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them. **PCMM**

CORRIGENDUM

Tenderers may please note the following changes in 1. Tender No. 13245022 for Procurement Hydraulic Wheel Press as per Specification No. Mech/M&P/3700/10 Rev-03, Due Date to be read as 28.05.2024 instead of 13.05.2024. **2.** Tender No. 12241024A for Procurement of Set of Retention Tank for 3-Phase MEMU/TC Coaches, Due Date to be read as 10.06.2024 instead of 08.05.2024. **3.** Tender No. 17241135, Due Date to be read as 20.05.2024 instead of 13.05.2024. **4.** Tender No. 17241090 for Procurement of Set of Chair Angle for LHB SCN & GS Coaches, Due Date to be read as 21.05.2024 instead of 10.05.2024. **5.** Tender No. 13235423A for Procurement of Design, Manufacture, Erection, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of EOT Crane Cap-20 Ton As per Specification No. Mech/M&P/3800/03 Rev-04, Due Date to be read as 24.05.2024 instead of 16.05.2024. **6.** Tender No. 02241056 for GPS Location based Papis for LHB AC 2T and AC 3T Coaches, Due Date to be read as 20.05.2024 instead of 15.05.2024. **7.** Tender No. 01241075 for Fully Assembled Improved Bogies Compatible with IR-LHB Coaches (+1 Item), Due Date to be read as 30.05.2024 instead of 15.05.2024. **8.** Tender No. 01241075 for Set of 2 Instrumented Wheel Sets, Quantity to be read as Deleted instead of 1 Set. **9.** Tender No. 17241148 for Procurement of Exterior Stickers for LHB GS, SCN & AC-3T Coaches, **(i)** Due Date to be read as 28.05.2024 instead of 20.05.2024. **(ii)** Eligibility Criteria to be read as **Eligibility Criteria Revised.** **10.** Tender No. 14241046, **(i)** Due Date to be read as 20.05.2024 instead of 13.05.2024. **(ii)** Other Conditions - **Other Conditions Clause No. 9 has been revised. 11.** Tender No. 14231255, Due Date to be read as 03.06.2024 instead of 17.05.2024. **12.** Tender No. 17241094 for Procurement of Absorption Strip for Flooring, L = 2000 MM, Due Date to be read as 06.06.2024 instead of 24.05.2024. **13.** Tender No. 14241046, Due Date to be read as 04.06.2024 instead of 20.05.2024. **All other terms & conditions will remain the same.** **PCMM**

R.O. No. 22-S/2024-25 **Dated 17.05.2024**

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd, the constructive/physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd., Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **19.06.2024, for recovery of Rs.1,11,76,335.48/- (Rupees One Crore Eleven Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Five and Paise Forty Eight only)** due to The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd, Secured Creditor from **(1) Mrs. Nethravathi T** W/o Mr. S Deepak and **(2) Mr. S Deepak** S/o Syamsundar **both residing at** 6th cross, 10th Main, Gururaja Layout, BSK 3rd stage, Bangalore- 560085.

The reserve price Schedule- A Property is **Rs.54,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Four lakhs only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.5,40,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Forty Thousands only).**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Schedule A : Flat bearing No. 408th floor, A Block, Dhathri Residence, Survey No.37/1 with an approximate super build up area of 1315 sq ft and approximate UDS of 398.82 sq ft, Opp Aratt Felicita Apartments, Near St Ignatius Church, Begur- Akshaynagara Road, Begur, Bangalore South Taluk-560068 and **bounded by : East :** Open Space/passage, **West :** Begur Woods property, **North :** Flat No 409, **South :** Flat No.407.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's/ Secured Creditor's website **i.e., www.kvb.co.in/Property Under Auction** also at the web portal **BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.com** of the service provider, **M/s. 4 closure.**

Statutory 15 Days' Notice under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 17.05.2024 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited.**

IDFC First Bank Limited

(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 8 Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai - 600031.
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IDFC FIRST Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE
GOLD AUCTION CUM INVITATION NOTICE

The Below mentioned borrower has been issued notices to pay the outstanding amount towards the credit facility against Gold ornament savailed by him from IDFC FIRST Bank Limited. Since the borrower has failed to repay the dues under the facility. We are constrained to conduct an auction of the pledged Gold ornaments on **27/05/2024**. In the event any surplus amount is realized from this auction, the same will be returned to the concerned borrower and if there is any deficit post the auction, the balance amount shall be recovered from the borrower through appropriate legal proceedings. IDFC FIRST Bank has the authority to remove the following account from the auction without prior intimation. Further IDFC FIRST Bank reserves the right to change the Auction Date without any prior notice.

Loan Account Number	Customer Name	Branch Name
138964329	LATHA K	BANGALORE KASTURI NAGAR BRANCH

Auction will be conducted online through https://egold.auctiontiger.net on 27/05/2024 from 12:00pm to 3:00 pm. By way of this publication the concerned borrower are hereby given final notice and last opportunity to pay the facility recalled amount, with all interest and charges before the schedule auction date failing which the jewellery will be auctioned. Please note that, if the auction does not get completed on the same day due to time limit the bank will re auction the pledged gold ornaments within next 7 days on the same terms and conditions. If the customer is deceased all the conditions pertaining to auction will be applicable to his legal heirs.

Date: 18/05/2024 Place: BANGALORE KASTURI NAGAR BRANCH

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that I Dr. BINDU P. S, have lost / misplaced the original registered sale deed page No.04, registered page No.07, have purchased the immoveable property Registered SALE DEED Dated: 07/08/2006, Vide Reg Doc No.11817/2006-07, in the office Senior Sub-Registrar Bangalore, South Taluk and in respect of vacant Site No.133C, Old No.57, Katha No.176, situated at Mullur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 45 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1350 Sq Ft. In This connection I have lodged complaint with Police Unit: Bengaluru City on 03/05/2024, If any one finds the said Original Registered SALE DEED, they may kindly handover the same to the below mentioned my Address, Dr. Bindu P S, Residing at Ahad Euphoria, Wing 9, Flat No. 1401, Sarjapur - Marathahalli Rd, Carmelaram, Hadosiddapura, Chikkakannalli, Bengaluru, KARNATAKA - 560099.

Place: Bangalore Dated: 17/05/2024

Piramal Capital & Housing Finance
PIRAMAL CAPITAL & HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

CIN:L65910MH1984PLC032639
Registered Office: Unit No.-601,6th Floor, Piramal Amiti Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Kamani Junction, Opp. Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kurla (West) Mumbai-400070 –T +91 22 3802 4000,
Branch Office: No. 13, Old No. 5, 1st Main Road Near Kodava Samaja, Vasanth Nagar Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560052
Contact Person: 1. Anand Kumar N – 9538534358 2. Rakesh Chander – 9663368260 3. Vishal Ketele - 9584966653

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE ON SYMBOLIC POSSESSION, E-AUCTION DATE: 25.06.2024, 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Loan Code / Branch / Borrower(s) /Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Property Address _final	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Outstanding Amount (16-05-2024)
Loan Code No.: 21400041522, Bengaluru - Jayanagar (Branch), Nagamma M (Borrower), Deepak K (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 20-07-2021, Rs. 1501326/-, (Rs. Fifteen lakh One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Six Rupees)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- No 144 Asb Nadi Residencing Taverekere Hobli Kurabharahalli Bangalore Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560079	Rs. 2819000/-, (Rs. Twenty Eight lakh Nineteen Thousand Rupees)	Rs.281900/-, (Rs. Two lakh Eighty One Thousand Nine Hundred Rupees)	Rs. 1698448/-, (Rs. Sixteen lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty Eight Rupees)

DATE OF E-AUCTION: 25.06.2024, FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 1.00 P.M (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH), LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 24.06.2024, BEFORE 4.00 P.M.

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in www.piramalfinance.com/e-Auction.html or email us on piramal.auction@piramal.com.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

The above mentioned Borrower/Guarantor are hereby noticed to pay the sum as mentioned in section 13(2) notice in full with accrued interest till date before the date of auction, failing which property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost from borrower/guarantor.

Sd/-
Date : 18.05.2024 (Authorised Officer)
Place : Bengaluru Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited

Piramal Capital & Housing Finance
PIRAMAL CAPITAL & HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

CIN:L65910MH1984PLC032639
Registered Office: Unit No.-601,6th Floor, Piramal Amiti Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Kamani Junction, Opp. Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kurla (West) Mumbai-400070 –T +91 22 3802 4000,
Branch Office: No. 13, Old No. 5, 1st Main Road Near Kodava Samaja, Vasanth Nagar Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560052
Contact Person: 1. Anand Kumar N – 9538534358 2. Rakesh Chander – 9663368260 3. Vishal Ketele - 9584966653

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE ON SYMBOLIC POSSESSION, E-AUCTION DATE: 05.06.2024, 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Loan Code / Branch / Borrower(s) /Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Property Address _final	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Outstanding Amount (16-05-2024)
Loan Code No. 21400044032, Bengaluru - Jayanagar -1 (Branch), Pavan Annambhotla (Borrower), Padmavathi Naga Rukmini Annambhotla (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 18-02-2019, Rs. 15619335/-, (Rs. One Crore Fifty Six lakh Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Five Rupees)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Flat No 308 & 408, Annapurna Residency NA Nagadevanahalli Village Nagadevanahalli Village Kengri Hobli Bangalore Karnataka IN 560060 Boundaries As :- North :- Road South :- Private Property East :- Road & Private Property West :- Road	Rs. 10923000/- (Rs. One Crore Nine lakh Twenty Three Thousand Rupees)	Rs.1092300/-, (Rs. Ten lakh Ninety Two Thousand Three Hundred Rupees)	Rs.29356824/-, (Rs. Two Crore Ninety Three lakh Fifty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Four Rupees)

DATE OF E-AUCTION: 05.06.2024, FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 1.00 P.M (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH), LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 04.06.2024, BEFORE 4.00 P.M.

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in www.piramalfinance.com/e-Auction.html or email us on piramal.auction@piramal.com.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

The above mentioned Borrower/Guarantor are hereby noticed to pay the sum as mentioned in section 13(2) notice in full with accrued interest till date before the date of auction, failing which property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost from borrower/guarantor.

Sd/-
Date : 18.05.2024 (Authorised Officer)
Place : Bengaluru Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited

HDFC BANK
HDFC BANK LIMITED

Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch: #51, HDFC House, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001
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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) **(HDFC)** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC,** within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realization, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **HDFC** by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created
(a)	(b)	c	(d)	(f)
1	**(1) Mr. Subramanyam M (Borrower) (2) Mrs. Subramanyam Baby (Co-Borrower), both are residing at :** Shakthi Security Force, **Designation:** Proprietor, No.15, 1st Floor, Om Shakthi Nilaya, 1st Cross, Panduranga Layout, Arehalli, Subramanyapura, Near Modern School, Bengaluru-560061, **Also at :** Plot 14 (Northern Portion) & 15, Khatta 13/1-A, Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore SouthTaluk, Bengaluru -560061 **(3) M/s. Shakthi Security Force (Co-Borrower),** Represented by Mr. Subramanyam M, Represented by Mrs. Subramanyam Baby, **Designation:** Proprietor, No.15, 1st Floor, Om Shakthi Nilaya, 1st Cross, Panduranga Layout, Arehalli, Subramanyapura, Near Modern School, Bengaluru-560061 **Also at : M/s. Shakthi Security Force (Co-Borrower),** Represented by Mr. Subramanyam M, Represented by Mrs. Subramanyam Baby, Plot 14 (Northern Portion) & 15, Khatta 13/1-A, Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore SouthTaluk, Bengaluru-560061.	**Loan A/c Nos. (1) 643874715 Rs.12,72,980/- (2) 643874746 Rs.19,92,040/- (3) 645144466 Rs. 1,17,689/- (4) 645402874 Rs. 1,58,492/- Total Rs.35,41,201/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Forty One Thousand Two Hundred One Only) as on 31.03.2024**	**07.05.2024** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 04.04.2024**	All that piece and parcel of residential Property Northern portion of **No.14 & Property No.15, Khatha No.13/1-A,** situated at Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West Southern side: 30 feet, North side 25 feet and North to South 45 feet with one square asbestos sheet roofed house constructed with mud and bricks, without electricity, water and sanitary facilities. **And bounded on (This property jurisdiction is Uttarahalli Village Panchayat), East by :** Private Property, **West by :** 25 feet Road, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Property No.14.
2	**Mr. Ashish Menon (Borrower)** A 302, Harsha Pride Apartment, Balaji Layout 6th Cross, Kaggadasapura, C.V.Raman Nagar S.O, Bengaluru-560093, **Also at :** Atos Global It Solutions And Services Private Limited, **Designation:** Lead Consultant, Department: IT, 80, Quai Voltaire, Bezons 95870, Bezons, Paris France, **Also at :** Unit-R2-Ground-And-First-Floor, Floor-1, The Residence- Los, S No 34/1, B Narayanpura, Kaggadasapura Main Road, C V Raman Nagar, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru-560093.	**Loan A/c No. (1) 647803276 Rs.1,26,10,795/- (2) 651373161 Rs. 12,02,624/- Total Rs.1,38,13,419/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Eight Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Nineteen Only) as on 30.04.2024**	**07.05.2024** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 04.04.2024**	**Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing **BBMP Katha No.454/34/1,** comprised in **Sy.No.34/1,** situated at B Narayanapura, Kaggadasapura Main Road, K R Puram Hobli Bangalore East Taluk, totally measuring **3267 Sq.Feet** and **bounded on : East by :** Road and property bearing Sy.No.34/2 of B Narayanapura Village, **West by :** Property bearing Sy.No.38 of B Narayanapura Village, **North by :** Railway Property, **South by :** Property bearing Sy.No.34/2 of B Narayanapura Village. **Schedule B: Residential Duplex House/Unit** bearing No. **R-2,** on Ground and **First Floor (Duplex)** in residential building known as **"THE RESIDENCE"** having a super built up area of **2965 Sq.ft.** containing Four Bed rooms, along with one car parking space, together with **753 sq.feet** undivided share of the land comprised in schedule "A" Property.

*with further interest cost, expenses, and charges as applicable incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to **HDFC Bank Limited** as aforesaid, then **HDFC Bank Limited** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset / Immovable Property, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **HDFC Bank Limited**. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 18.05.2024 **For HDFC Bank Ltd.**
Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002**

Scheffler arrested, released by police during Major

Golf World No 1 Scottie Scheffler was handcuffed and arrested early on Friday after allegedly trying to drive around traffic controls outside the PGA Championship at Valhalla. Scheffler was taken into custody by police, booked with a mugshot taken in an orange jumpsuit, released, then taken back to the course for breakfast and practice before finally teeing off in the second round.

Renewed faith propels Anjum to rediscover craft

Rifle shooter says she had to fight her inner demons after falling out of love with sport

INDRANEEL DAS @Bhopal

MAKE it thy business to know thyself, which is the most difficult lesson in the world — Miguel de Cerventes.

Out of all the scars, the one in the head can be the scariest. Merciless and invisible, they can flirt and play peek-a-boo with destiny; it can torment, tear one apart or tease with your emotions. It can drive one to desperation too. There is no discrimination between a king and a pauper nor a champion and an upstart too.

Shooter Anjum Moudgil reflected on those harrowing times when she had to step back to know 'thyself', when she had to control her mind. It was not easy after she was dropped from the India team for the World Championships and Asian Games last year. She lost interest in the sport. That's the phase she dreaded. "I stopped enjoying (the sport)," she said after ensuring a second-finish behind world record holder Sift Kaur Samra in 50m rifle 3 positions (T4 qualification round) here on Friday. Now, she's all set for a place in the Paris Olympics team. Somewhere amid the cacophony of securing quota for the Olympics, the joy of shooting just faded into the darkness and settled in the abyss of Anjum's mind. Shooting was not alone. Another joy of life — painting – too had deserted her.

That's when she realised she had to step back. She had to rediscover her love for the sport and reset the mind. Rekindle the passion. She did that with a little help from friends and mental trainers.

"I started to train on my own and went out alone and played competitions when I was not with the Indian team," the 30-year-old said. "Figuring all of that and working on my mental health. Everything worked together. That has made me stronger post Tokyo.

"It is good to have a team with you. But when you are alone, you can figure out mistakes and I think I am a person who would love to stay alone and I enjoy my company," she said. "I think that was something that was lost in the chaos of competitions to secure a quota and being with the team. I had to rediscover what I am and what I like. And work on my mistakes in technique and my position. I was training alone and competing also. It is so important to work on my mindset. It really helped."

Anjum Moudgil | NRAI

In-form Aishwary

Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar (men's 50m rifle 3 positions) secured a Paris berth with a third successive score of 590 or above in the OST T4. Aishwary shot 591 during the qualification stage of T4 trials. Swapnil Kusale is assured of the second berth. Manu Bhaker topped the women's 10m air pistol OST T3 finals, edging out Esha Singh by .8 points. In the men's 10m air pistol finals, Naveen accumulated 246.8 points (which is .3 above the existing world record), to claim the top spot. Ramita Jindal, meanwhile, took the top honours in the women's 10m air rifle T3 finals.

When the teams for the Worlds and Asian Games were decided, she was left out. The period after that was one of the worst. Her profound words reflected the turmoil that was within.

"I think when you are just trying too hard to get a result but you are not basically enjoying the process... that's when you are tired. Because it's not fun to do it, but you want the result. You want to come in the team, you want the medal," she said, sounding philosophical. "When you enjoy the process, that's the time you can get the result. And I was lost in what I wanted rather than what should be done. I was wanting to be in the team for the Worlds and the Asian Games so much that I was not enjoying shooting. I just wanted the result. If the result is not coming then it won't look good. So it was too negative for me. I had made that scenario for myself. I was just too tired to keep pushing myself, not getting the results. At the same time I had the best people around me. I cut off from all the people who were not really very positive for me and had very positive people with me who supported me, understood what I am going through."

The days were trying but not scary. "It's part of the journey. And I might have gone through this (phase) post Tokyo for some time. You just have to start over. Like a beginner. That's the thing I did."

Transitioning from negative to positive and demotivation to motivation was the process that brought her back. "I have been working with a person. They are based in Bengaluru and have been working with them for the last two years now. When I was World No 1, that's when I started. Because I knew I was World No 1, but I was not accepting that I was World No 1. I was like it's by mistake that I became No. 1. I mean everyone used to tell me to 'believe that you were good'. I had issues with believing that I was good. That's when I thought the only thing I was not doing was mental training. So I thought it was the best time to start (April 2022)."

However, before the Tokyo Olympics, Anjum seemed different. "I think before Tokyo also, my journey had seen a lot of ups and downs. One year, I would be nowhere and then come back. Also I studied sports psychology. But more than that, I have had experience of 10 to 12 years and I knew that the kids in the team were young. Aishwarya, Manu, Divyansh, Sourav.. And they were shooting so good before Tokyo. So somewhere I was like, if they don't shoot well, I know they will break down. It will be so difficult for them to handle. As shooters themselves, they have to believe that it's okay (to lose)." But now "I have started believing in myself a lot more." Also, she has started to love painting. Again. She showed it on her mobile. With the Paris Olympics just around the corner, India would hope that belief and joy stays.

Parveen's Olympic dreams over after ITA ban

ANMOL GURUNG @Chennai

PARVEEN Hooda, who had secured a boxing quota in the 57-kg category during the Asian Games, has been handed a 22-month suspension by the International Testing Agency (ITA) for whereabouts failure, the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) confirmed on Friday.

In the wake of this development, the BFI also confirmed that they will be sending a fresh challenger from the country to regain the quota during the upcoming Olympic qualifiers in Bangkok. There will be at least three quotas on offer in the category. The BFI said that the reserves (60kg and 66kg) are eligible to compete in the 57-kg category (goes without saying that cutting weight is necessary). However, it is unclear at the moment as they had not officially announced the reserves at the time of announcement of the squad on April 13.

As per eligibility rule, the reserves should have been registered by April 11. Jaismine Lamboria, who had competed in the 60kg category during the recent Olympic qualifiers in Italy, could go but her parents had denied the same when asked about it a few days back.

"While it's regrettable that Parveen won't be able to compete for India and will be serving the suspension, I am happy that we were able to at least reduce the suspension period and she will be back in the ring soon," BFI chief Ajay Singh was quoted as saying in a release.

As indicated by this newspaper on Thursday, Parveen, 23, had failed to file her whereabouts from April, 2022 to March, 2024 as per World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) rules. As per the WADA rule, 'those who are part of a Registered Testing Pool (RTP) are required to provide whereabouts information'. BFI, along with her legal representatives, had been working on the case for some time. The BFI confirmed that the ITA has imposed a 22-month suspension, which has now been 'backdated by eight months'. Usually suspensions are adjusted with provisional suspension and not backdated. And the adjustment was only for two months. That means she'll be out of action for little over a year from now. The initial suspension, according to the federation, was 24 months.

This was the main reason behind Parveen's inactivity in a competitive setup. As reported by this daily a few days ago, Parveen has not had a competitive fight for over 200 days.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

High-voltage meeting in prospect at Chinnaswamy

GOMESH S @Bengaluru

AS the Chennai Super Kings and Royal Challengers arrived at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Friday evening, they were greeted by typical gloomy weather synonymous with the Garden City. There was not much cloud cover, but at the same time, an eerie stickiness could be felt in the air. Almost as a precursor to what is in store on Saturday when both teams go against each other in an unofficial knockout match.

With a 62 per cent chance of rain and 37 per cent chance of thunderstorms, the forecast does not look good. Chennai, with 14 points, are comfortably placed. Even a close loss will see them advance.

The hosts need a big win. However, one thing they would appreciate is they have a clear idea of what is required. RCB fielding coach, Malolan Rangarajan, admitted as much on the eve of the encounter. "The good thing is that it is crystal clear what we need to do. Doesn't matter if it is a 20-over game or a five, six-over game. For us, it might be 3.1 or 3.4 (the number of overs in which they have to chase to pip CSK on NRR if it comes to that) because there are other intricacies within that. I don't think we will be spending too much time on whether we need to bat first or bowl first. We will take that as it comes. We have been defending targets, getting teams all out. That is the way I think we will be able to restrict team," said the former Tamil Nadu player.

What will be a challenge to them is how they can sustain the energy and momentum they have had as a team over the past five games. Rangarajan said that they changed path six games ago, players put their hands up, took ownership and approached one game at a time. And the result is there to see.

Chennai Super Kings' Shivam Dube during a practice session on Friday | PTI

LSG sign off with win

Lucknow Super Giants beat Mumbai Indians by 18 runs to move to sixth in the IPL. Thanks to Nicholas Pooran's 29-ball 75, LSG posted 214/6. In reply, Rohit hit a 38-ball 68 but Mumbai finished at 196/6. Mumbai finished bottom of the table. **Brief scores**: LSG 214/6 in 20 ovs (Pooran 75, Pooran 55) bt MI 196/6 in 20 ovs (Rohit 68).

With Glenn Maxwell coming in for Will Jacks, RCB can only hope that they can do it one more time in front of their home crowd. CSK have their share of questions to answer. It has been a very un-CSK-like season. They have had to deal with a significant number of injuries and non-availability of players. The new captain Ruturaj Gaikwad was forced to make changes now and then as they tried to figure out their best combinations possible.

Just when it looked like they were settling into a batting line-up, Moeen Ali's departure for national duty would mean that they would have to change, once again. However, this time, it could be a blessing in disguise. Mitchell Santner could walk, adding more to the visitors' arsenal. Playing Santner and Maheesh Theekshana could sort their powerplay bowling, especially against Virat Kohli and Faf du Plessis as a negative match-up. Apart from the result in itself, there are multiple sub-plots in play. One of them being whether it will be the last match for MS Dhoni should Chennai end up on the losing side. It has been the buzz in the lead-up to the game despite the possibility of a washout. CSK bowling coach Dwayne Bravo let out a laugh when asked if they wouldn't mind an abandoned game. "Of course... we qualify," he laughed.

ADVANTAGE CHENNAI IN BENGALURU

RCB NEED A WIN, CSK WON'T MIND A WASH OUT. WHO WILL BE THE LAST ONE STANDING? A LOOK...

SHORTENED GAME ON CARDS

With rain on Saturday evening all but guaranteed, it should come as a surprise if the contest is not affected. However, with the facilities at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, it might not get called off. At the very least, there may well be a shortened game.

CAN RCB MAKE IT SIX IN A ROW?

After eight games, RCB had one win and seven losses. Since then, they are on a rampage, winning five on the trot. Although, what they have done is not easy, their toughest challenge lies ahead. It is the sixth win that matters the most to enter play-offs. Can they?

THE PERMUTATIONS

If CSK win — CSK go through, RCB are out

If no result — CSK go through, RCB are out

***If RCB win** — it comes down to NRR

IN CASE OF A FULL GAME

RCB (bat first)

Score 200 then they have to reduce CSK to 182 or under

OR

RCB (bat second)

CSK make 200 then RCB will have to chase it down in 18.1 overs

Royal Challengers Bengaluru vs Chennai Super Kings, Bengaluru
Live on Star Sports and Jio Cinema, 7.30 PM

Hardwork behind Reddy's success in IPL

FIROZ MIRZA @Hyderabad

ALL-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy has been a revelation for the Sunrisers Hyderabad this season. The 20-year-old from Andhra turned out to be a vital cog for the 2016 champions in their resurgence. He has played a couple of brilliant knocks to steer the team to safety after the early fall of the wickets on a few occasions.

Reddy might have rescued SRH with the bat when they were in trouble but he himself was in trouble and in dire need of a quick turnaround when the season started. After making his IPL debut in 2023, where he didn't get the opportunity to bat in two matches he played, his performance with the ball was below par as he leaked 54 runs from five overs he bowled across the two outings.

He was fortunate that the Hyderabad franchise decided to retain him but needed to prove his worth. Knowing the situation, Reddy started working on his game at the commencement of the 2023-24 domestic season with Andhra head coach N Nirmal Kumar. The fact that he trained under Kumar for three seasons during his under-19 days worked in his favour.

"He has always been a batting all-rounder. In fact, in his first U-19 season with Andhra, he used to open the batting and bowling. I changed that the next season as I knew India U-19 team has so many specialised opening batters and bowlers," coach Kumar told this daily.

Reddy played quite a few good innings in both the Ranji Trophy and limited-overs tournaments in the last season. Since the early days, Reddy has been a free-flowing batter but the same was not getting translated on the field. Kumar knew that and he decided to give him a free hand no matter which format he was playing.

"I asked him to play his natural game irrespective of the formats. We treated him as a specialised batter when it comes to training in the nets in the last season. He used to bat for at least an hour in the nets alongside our pure batters every day. I made him face all kinds of bowlers to give him that confidence and practice," added Kumar. There were areas where Reddy needed to improve. The incoming deliveries from the left-arm spinners were troubling him. Similarly, his downswing speed of the bat was just not proving enough for the perfect execution of the shots. Kumar, who has been working with various Andhra teams for the last 25 years, found out the flaws and decided to work on them.

SRH allrounder Nitish Kumar Reddy at Uppal on Thursday | VINAY MADAPU

"He was stretching a lot while facing the left-arm spinners. The wide gap between two legs meant it was his pad which was coming first so he was getting trapped in front of the wickets. I asked him to reduce the gap between the legs. This change helped him bring the bat first while defending. Similarly, we worked on his downswing of the bat with the trainer. To get the requisite speed, we asked him to have a backlift so as to get the speed for downswing to execute the shots perfectly."

These minor changes did wonders for Reddy as he looked like a different batter this season. In nine matches so far, he has scored 239 runs with an average of 47.80 and a strike rate of 152.22. He has scored two half-centuries hitting 12 fours and 17 sixes. Kumar credited the hard work his ward did during the camps for the success. "We focussed completely on power hitting during the camps. While others were given the practice according to the formats, instructions to him were clear. Focus on power hitting and try to be as natural as he can be irrespective of the formats," signed off the coach.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Brazil to host 2027 Women's World Cup

BANGKOK: Brazil will host the 2027 Women's World Cup after a vote of FIFA's full membership chose the South American bid over a joint proposal from Belgium, Netherlands and Germany. The FIFA Congress on Friday voted 119-78 for Brazil in the reduced field of two candidates to host the 2027 tournament after a joint bid by the United States and Mexico was pulled and South Africa withdrew its candidacy.

Arjun loses to Nikolas in Sharjah Masters chess

SHARJAH: Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi was stunned by Nikolas Theodorou of Greece in the second round of Sharjah Masters chess tournament here. Erigaisi, however, bounced back to register a victory over Nikolzi Kacherava of Switzerland in the third round that puts back his status as World No 8 in live ratings. Aravindh Chithambaram was the pick of the lot as he carved out an exceptional victory with white pieces.

History-defining week for Bayer Leverkusen

AFP @Berlin

UNBEATEN Bundesliga champions Bayer Leverkusen are facing three finals in one week in their bid for a treble, coach Xabi Alonso said on Friday.

Leverkusen are on a season-long unbeaten run of 50 games, already breaking a 59-year-old UEFA record. Leverkusen can become the first 'invincible' team in Bundesliga history by avoiding defeat at home against Augsburg on Saturday.

Alonso's men face Atalanta in the Europa League final in Dublin on Wednesday, followed by the German Cup final against second-division Kaiserslautern three days later.

"Tomorrow is our first final," Alonso said. "We can achieve something historic. To stay unbeaten in the Bundesliga — we'll be the first team and we'll be a part of history," he added.

Long derided as "Neverkusen" for often finishing second and never winning a top-flight crown, Leverkusen are close to a remarkable treble. Alonso said star midfielder Florian Wirtz, who has not started in the league for five games, had overcome a leg injury and "can start" against Augsburg. "There are no limitations for tomorrow (Saturday). He feels much better and doesn't have any pain."

DOPE-OFFENDERS

AFI fires warning to coaches

INDRANEEL DAS @Bhopal

THE Athletics Federation of India (AFI) could be one of the first National Sports Federations to announce that they would ban coaches of athletes who test positive for doping. The AFI president, Adille Sumariwalla, on Friday announced that all athletes must disclose the names of their coaches on the dope collection forms and action could be taken against them. This was decided in the executive committee meeting.

Adille Sumariwala

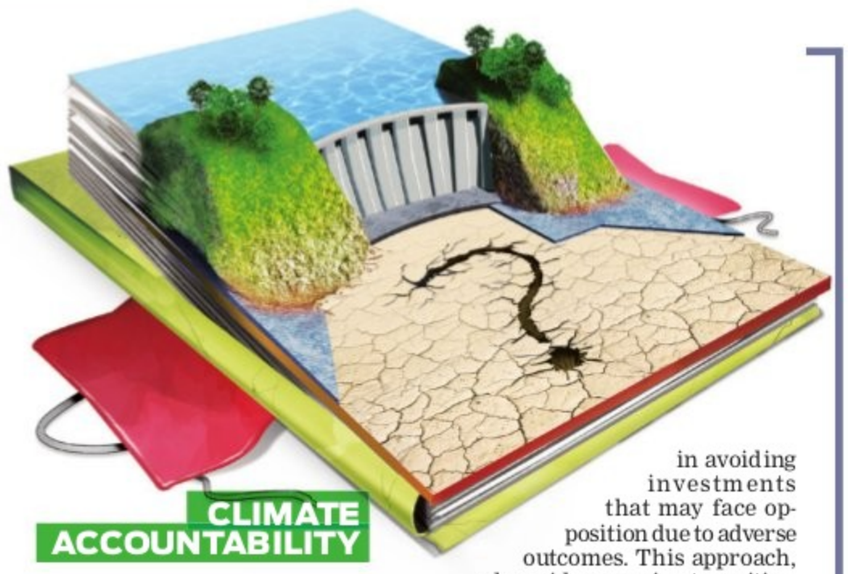
Interestingly, the testing authorities, for example, the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) and the International Testing Agency, are the dope collecting and result management authorities. Since there is no provision to ban coaches unless under extraordinary circumstances, the AFI chief said that they would form their own penalising rules. "We will not tolerate doping and take action against the coaches also," said Sumariwalla. "We will inform their departments or institutions and request them to penalise them as well. They will not be permitted inside the stadium or training venue. We are also working with the state government and would recommend them to remove them from their posts if possible."

However, the AFI would be working on the period of sanction the coaches need to serve. "We will have to see when they can return," he said.

Sumariwalla also revealed that the Indian contingent, those who qualify for the Paris Olympics, will train in Poland in the first part of July and travel to Paris on July 28. For the race walking team, their results in a Slovakia meet will be considered before finalising the final three from the five who have qualified.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

85% of people surveyed by the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication and CVoter in India say they are already experiencing the effects of climate change. And 91% of respondents are worried about global warming



CLIMATE ACCOUNTABILITY

Disclose more, PUT CHECKS BEFORE FINANCING MEGA PROJECTS

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THE 'Draft Disclosure Framework on Climate Related Financial Risks' released by the RBI in February enjoins financial institutions (FIs), such as banks, to provide the public detailed information on how they are addressing risks to their investments arising from the climate crisis. Big-ticket investments by FIs in sectors like infrastructure and energy face direct physical risks from environmental changes like rise in temperatures and sea levels besides extreme weather events. In addition, they face transition risks as global efforts shift towards low-carbon technologies, prodding the FIs to limit financing to carbon emitting activities and redirect them towards renewables.

The framework asks FIs to put in place climate related risk management mechanisms at the directorial level, devise strategy and processes and report them to the public from 2025. Further, the framework prompts FIs to report regularly on greenhouse gas emissions of activities financed by them and set targets for reduction.

In a globalised context, insufficient disclosure of climate risks may diminish a bank's attractiveness to international investors. Public reporting on risk management frameworks and emissions is essential, but falls short of addressing climate, environmental and social risks posed by FI investments.

Impact risk perspective

Investments by FIs produce 'risk' in a double sense. One part of the story is the financial risk that arises from borrower projects' exposure to climate change, market factors, poor asset management etc. At the same time, these investments may pose grave socio-economic, ecological and climate risks to the geographies and communities they inhabit.

For instance, Indian banks have heavily invested in projects such as the NTPC-run Tapovan-Vishnugad hydro power project in Uttarakhand, which locals and independent experts believe to be majorly responsible for the sinking of the religious town of Joshimath. The land subsidence in the mountain city has led to widespread displacement and collapse of houses and roads. Should not the financiers of such projects ascertain their share of responsibility?

Address polycrisis

Impacts of infrastructure and energy are not limited to carbon emissions. The framework does not address the risks engendered by projects funded by FIs on health, livelihoods, land, environment and climate. The point is to address the polycrisis that comprises climate emergency, environmental harms and socio-economic distress in insidious interdependence.

Integrating an impact risk perspective benefits affected communities, the environment and climate by aiding FIs in avoiding investments that may face opposition due to adverse outcomes. This approach, alongside assessing transition and climate-related financial risks, enhances accountability to the public, investors and depositors, potentially averting detrimental investments and fostering greater responsibility.

Enhance scope of disclosures

RBI's disclosure framework for Regulated Entities (REs), that is banks and non-banking finance companies, focuses on greenhouse gas emissions but lacks project-specific transparency. Local communities and environmentalists often raise concerns about specific projects. That is where questions of accountability are most often relevant and raised effectively. Yet, for FIs it is not mandatory to disclose where their financing is deployed. To ensure accountability and comprehensive impact assessment, FIs should disclose the names of the projects and activities they finance.

Additionally, clear investment standards, goals and mechanisms are crucial. These could be modelled after international institutions like the International Finance Corporation's Performance Standards, covering environmental, social and labour aspects. Mechanisms for disclosure and safeguards ensure compliance. Evolving India-specific standards is vital, given the impacts of climate change and social dynamics.

Investments in renewables call for greater oversight

Consider the race towards renewable energy in the Himalayas. It has sparked considerable interest from both foreign and Indian financial institutions. Nonetheless, this drive for eco-friendly power generation carries a hefty toll, not only in terms of finances but also in human terms. A prime illustration is the Chungthang dam in Sikkim, boasting a capacity of 1,200 Megawatts. Its construction cost was a staggering ₹14,000 crore, exceeding the initial estimate of ₹5,707 crore by three times. FIs such as Punjab National Bank, Canara Bank, Bank of Baroda and non-banking investors such as the India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited, India Renewable Energy Development Agency and REC Limited had provided finances to the project at different stages.

Despite vehement protests from indigenous communities, their apprehensions regarding the dam's ramifications were disregarded. With temperatures on the rise, experts had long cautioned about the region's susceptibility to Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) and seismic activity. Their forecasts were validated when an earthquake in 2011 inflicted damage on the dam, which was ultimately swept away by a GLOF last year.

Banks should conduct thorough assessments, engage stakeholders, and support smaller, community-led initiatives for more sustainable outcomes.

Beyond disclosures and financial risk

To ensure accountability in funded projects, a dedicated oversight institution is crucial, monitoring environmental and social standards from project approval to loan closure. This institution should conduct due diligence, monitoring and third-party assessments, maintain public records, advise clients and facilitate grievance redressal.

The RBI is best placed to propose a comprehensive safeguards framework for FIs, including cumulative impact assessments, transparency, stakeholder engagement, capacity building and effective grievance redressal mechanisms. Without formal space for raising objections or questions regarding a bank's assessment, the idea of accountability fails to strike roots as FIs remain unanswerable.

The current disclosure framework focuses solely on climate-related financial risks within a bank's investment portfolio, neglecting the broader environmental and social impacts of investments by FIs. This narrow perspective is seen as ironic and shortsighted, especially considering that the climate crisis is exacerbated by industrial and construction activities financed by these institutions. The framework needs to adopt a more holistic approach, recognising the polycrisis of climate, environment and affected communities. Failure to do so would represent a missed opportunity, as global trends emphasise the need for financial institutions to be accountable for all their impacts, not just carbon emissions.

The devastation wrought by the flash floods on Multhan village in Himachal Pradesh | SUMIT MAHAR (HIMDHARA COLLECTIVE)

HIMALAYAN DISASTER at THE VILLAGE LEVEL

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

A sense of disquiet prevails in Multhan village (Barot region) in the mountainous Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh ever since a penstock burst in the 25 MW Lambadug Hydroelectric Power Project (LHEP) and flooded it on May 10. A penstock is a channel or pipe for sending water to a hydroelectric power station. The project is being executed by the Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Ltd (MEIL) on the Lambadug river, a tributary of the Uhal river.

The flash flood swept through the village and market, causing large scale damage to the properties of locals and agricultural fields. Thankfully, there was no loss of human life.

People are worried as their pristine but fragile mountains are dotted with over 50 small and medium hydropower projects. They say many of the projects have had inadequate environmental impact assessment (EIA) studies besides negligence and violation of safety guidelines and environmental norms by the project proponents.

The LHEP was commissioned in February 2024. Locals suspect that the executing agencies compromised on EIA studies to complete the project in a short duration.

Tragic day

On that dreadful morning, as villagers started their daily routine, they suddenly heard screams and a number of alarming whistles from village habitations located just above Multhan market.

"I had just removed my shop's shutter when I heard a loud alert to run away as flash floods were approaching," said Mala Devi, 45, a grocery shop owner at Multhan market. "Within a few minutes, water started gushing through our shops, alleys and roads along with boulders and muck. The situation was chaotic as we all started running helter-skelter to save our lives. For the next 11 hours, we watched helplessly from a safe distance as flood water rushed through shops and houses and finally swept away our slope agricultural fields and produce," she explained over phone.

A local team then went up to the site and found the penstock pipe was leaking. The flood was because of some damage in the project tunnel or the penstock. All muck and boulders were dumped in the open on slopes while constructing a forebay and tunnel and installing the penstock. The breach in the penstock swept those boulders and muck downstream. Another disaster in the upcoming monsoon season cannot be ruled out if corrective steps are not taken immediately.

"The project proponents did not come to the site immediately even after repeated calls on May 10 to help plug the leak," complained Sanjiv Thakur, deputy village head. The local police arrived in the afternoon. After a while, JCBs were brought in to clear the area and allow the water to flow out but the seepage continued, he further explained. Later that night, there were reports of falling rocks and mudslides near the project. The sludge from the flash flood buried all crops such as potato, barley, garlic etc. The muck also entered homes, shops and alleys in the affected stretch of about 500 metres.

"My grocery shop was totally buried under the sludge. I was not able to rescue any of my belongings or valuables," said Ashok Kumar, 47, another resident.

Over 100 villagers signed a joint letter to Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and Harikesh Meena, Director (Energy), Himachal Pradesh to fix MEIL's accountability and provide compensation for the damages. MEIL was recently in the news for its humongous donations to political parties through electoral bonds. An FIR was also registered on the matter at the Baijnath Police station on May 10.

According to the FIR, during the testing of the project three months ago, a similar leak was noticed. But the company had assured the locals that it had been fixed. The affected people allege the use of substandard construction materials and compromises in the quality of the civil works. Villagers also reported that muck dumped on open slopes damaged the local flora and crops. Besides, water sources in other villages along the alignment of the tunnel were also affected. Initially, the local administration distributed relief materials such as food, tents and some cash. Later, the MEIL gave some compensation.

Fact finding report

A report of a three-member fact finding team of the Himdhara Collective, a non-profit, which visited the village and the project site, said that the flooding was a clear case of extreme and criminal negligence by the LHEP executing agencies.

The report states that "A series of violations seem to have taken place from planning to execution that need detailed assessment." Additionally, it observed non-transparency and lack of accountability with regard to the project information in the public domain. An official report on the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change (MoEFCC) website stated that the environment clearance letter for the project was not available.

Further, the report points out that the project seems to have undergone some changes in design from the time of clearance. However, there is no clarity on whether the relevant permissions were obtained for these changes in the project from the Expert Appraisal Committee of the MoEFCC as well as Technical Clearances from the relevant agencies. The report mentioned the project's allotment of a paltry Rs 15 lakh for its disaster management plan, adding it had no disaster risk assessment as far as the tunnel and dam site were concerned.

"The EIA report is shoddy as is commonplace of such assessments," says Manshi Asher, an environmental justice activist and researcher, who was part of the fact finding team of the Himdhara Collective.

Not the first time

On the Uhl river in 2020, the penstocks of a 100 MW Uhl III project at Lad Bhadol similarly burst during testing leading to flooding of downstream power houses. The Himdhara Collective had earlier carried out similar investigations, like the 100 MW Sorang Project, Parbati II project and the 180 MW Bajoli Project (Chamba). It has also been documenting the short and long term impacts of hydropower proliferation in Himachal Pradesh.

"These incidents show that not only mega projects but small and medium projects, too, can cause both short and long term disastrous impacts in the fragile Himalayan ecosystem and changing climatic conditions of the region," said Himanshu Thakkar of the South Asia Network of Dams and People. "A credible and independent EIA is the need of the hour to avoid disaster," he added.

Bird watching good for mental health: Study

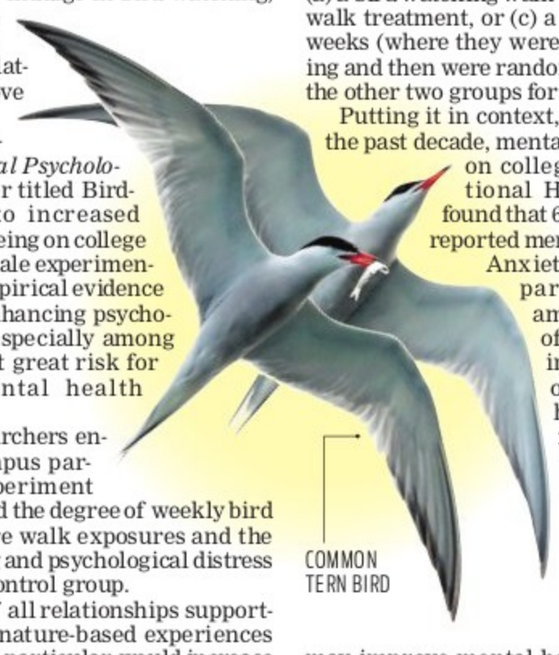
BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

Bird watching is good for your health. Especially mental health.This is not a pitch by ornithologists and avid bird watchers. It has been proved by a detailed study. In fact, psychologists and psychiatrists are now advising people to indulge in bird watching, spending time in the forests and indulging in nature-related activities to improve mental health.

Recently, the *Journal of Environmental Psychology* published a paper titled Birdwatching linked to increased psychological well-being on college campuses: A pilot-scale experimental study. It found empirical evidence on bird watching enhancing psychological well-being, especially among students who are at great risk for experiencing mental health challenges.

In the study, researchers engaged with 112 campus participants in an experiment where they evaluated the degree of weekly bird watching and nature walk exposures and the impact on well-being and psychological distress levels relative to a control group.

"The directions of all relationships supported hypotheses that nature-based experiences and bird watching in particular, would increase well-being and reduce distress. These results build on preliminary evidence of a causal relationship between bird watching and well-being and highlight the value of considering well-being impacts for specific types of activities in nature, underscoring the need for future research with larger and more diverse samples," the researchers said.



COMMON TERN BIRD

For the study, the researchers used the stepped wedge design where participants (college students) were randomly assigned to either (a) a bird watching walk treatment, (b) a nature walk treatment, or (c) a control group for five weeks (where they were taken for bird watching and then were randomly assigned to one of the other two groups for another five weeks).

Putting it in context, the study said, "Over the past decade, mental health has worsened on college campuses. The national Healthy Minds Study found that 60% of college students reported mental health challenges. Anxiety and depression, in particular, increased among students in wake of Covid-19. The growing mental health crises on college campuses has catalysed a search for solutions to promote the well-being of graduates and undergraduates. Nature-based interventions might help improve college students' mental health. Spending time with nature may improve mental health, alleviate stress and reduce depression."

Speaking on the impact of bird watching, Prabha S Chandra, Dean, Behavioural Science at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (Nimhans) said, being in nature, paying attention and focusing on something helps in being mindful and improves mental health. Bird watching is an activity and needs attention. People are nowadays being recommended to involve in nature activities to improve their mental health.A retired Nimhans professor, independent psychiatrist and avid bird watcher said: "It does improve mental health. It calms one down as it demands focus, concentration and paying attention. It sharpens your natural skills of hearing, minute observation and focusing on details. Earlier when I would advise patients to indulge in bird watching or wildlife activities, people wondered about my qualification, but when they participated, they started to calm down and improved professionally."

Kishore Rithe, Director, Bombay Natural History Society said, bird watching gives a lot of satisfaction. It has now started to flourish in urban areas, where stress levels are very high. A number of students, especially medical and engineering, are largely participating in bird watching sessions. Many IT professionals are also part of multiple groups like Delhi Birds, e-birders, Royal Society for Protection of Birds or BirdLife International. Besides, student and youth participation is also on the rise, he said. They indulge in activities, not just seasonally, but all through the year.

B P Ravi, Director General, Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute (Empri), said, anything that diverts attention from daily routine and connects with nature helps. People suffering depression and other mental health issues are being advised to participate in nature activities, especially bird watching, he added.

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Apollo 10 launched

Apollo 10 launches from Cape Kennedy in 1969. It was the first flight of a crewed Apollo spacecraft to operate around the Moon

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Objectives included an eight-hour lunar orbit of the separated lunar module, and descent to about nine miles off the moon's surface before ascending for rendezvous

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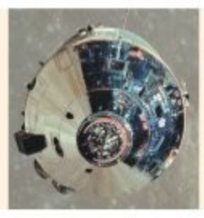

CREW

The main crew of the mission included Thomas Stafford, commander, Eugene Cernan, lunar module pilot, and John Young, command module pilot

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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The D words

Actor Rasika Agashe, known for her role in OTT series *Scoop*, brings her solo theatrical act *Stand up *with D girls*, wherein she plays 10 characters, tackling 10 different labels – all starting with the letter D –often put on women based on their behaviour

POOJA DAS

TODAY, we live in a world of deconstructing labels and questioning social mores based on arbitrary moral codes. But women are still fighting an uphill battle in trying to define themselves and live their lives without being pigeonholed into one or the other category. As a response to this, actor, writer and director **Rasika Agashe** is bringing her solo theatrical act *Stand up *with D girls*, wherein she plays ten different characters tacking ten different labels often put on women based on their behaviour. "The solo act is performed in a standup style. Generally people label women in different boxes so I am playing ten such 'labelled' boxes which all start from the letter D – some of them are desperate, Dalit, drunk and so on," says Agashe, who is also known for her compelling roles in shows like *Scoop*.

A still from the play

Through these ten distinct characters, Agashe aims to explore the complex realities of women's lives. The show is a unique blend of theatre and standup, a format Agashe chose deliberately. "This is the only genre right now that we are able to speak up without fear. Through standup, I talk about my personal experiences. I try to explore that despite sometimes coming from privileged backgrounds, women don't have any privilege," highlights Agashe.

The script, which is Agashe's first solo written play, took three to four months, from inspirations from other writers and poets like Jeelani Bano. "The inspiration behind this play is that it has become so common to hear some news about atrocities on women every day that we have stopped reacting to it," she shares, adding, "I just wanted to shake myself a little and I thought we should do this with the audience also." Drawing extensively from her own life, including her interfaith marriage with Mohammed Zeeshan Ayub, Agashe describes the experience as both 'tricky' and 'really good fun', hoping that the audience will relate to it.

Talking about the biggest challenge of writing a solo act, Agashe says, "I believe that all of us have a lot of people inside us who want to tell their stories. While it can be a beautiful thing to put them on paper, it is also equally challenging." Coming to Bengaluru for the first time, Agashe hopes that the audience doesn't mistake her theatrical act for a standup show. "It's a humorous take and obviously there are some places where you will be forced to think but there is a humorous quality throughout the performance," she says, emphasising the blend of humour and gravity that characterises the show.

*(Stand up *with D Girls will be staged on May 19, 7.30pm at Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar)*

If not anything, we have full confidence in RCB's choking habit...even if CSK does not perform well, RCB will make sure we win!

— Avinash Naidu, sound engineer

Bengaluru had been parched for over 17 weeks, and RCB fans have been parched for 17 years. It's a race between the two and we sure hope RCB wins

— Rajeev Karnam, IT professional

Will it be a 'Ee sala cup namade' for RCB after a 17-year jinx? Is this MS Dhoni's last IPL tournament? As Royal Challengers Bengaluru face their biggest rival Chennai Super Kings at the Chinnaswamy Stadium today, fans are an anxious lot for a dealbreaker of a match

MONIKA MONALISA

THERE'S been an unusual sort of buzz in Bengaluru during the week. The run-up to the match between Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Chennai Super Kings (CSK), which will see lakhs of spectators making their way to the stadium, has seen a frenzy of a different kind. A scramble for tickets which were sold out within minutes, fans clutching onto the gates of the stadium and a wave of anxiety and excitement has gripped Bengalureans and Chennaites, alike.

Today's big-ticket match is a deal-breaker for RCB since they have to win it by at least 18 runs if they score a minimum of 200 runs, batting first to make it to the top 4. CSK, meanwhile, will qualify for the IPL 2024 playoffs if they win the match.

Red Wave

Before the clash of the titans, it's the clash of fans. Die-hard fans of both teams have enough reasons to justify why their favourite team is going to win. While the 'home-ground' reason is a big advantage, Allen Abhishek, co-founder of the fan page RCB Fan Army, says there are 'patterns' that make the fan base confident about RCB's win. "During the Women's Premier League match, the girls didn't have a very strong beginning and lost to Delhi Capitals by one run, same with the men's team... they too didn't have a very good start but after losing to Kolkata Knight Riders by one run, they have not lost any match," says Abhishek, humorously adding that RCB should defeat CSK to avenge the 'age-old Cauvery dispute'.

Another RCB fan Rajeev Karnam adds that RCB is always criticised for its bowling line-up but this time that seems pretty strong too. "RCB knows that this win will make up for all the years of breaking the hearts of fans. Bengaluru had been parched for over 17 weeks, and RCB fans have been parched for 17 years. It's a race between the two and we sure hope RCB wins," says Karnam, adding, "RCB will win because Dhoni likes the number 7, and he would want to keep CSK at 7 wins and 7 losses."

Hues of Yellow

If RCB fans are confident about the many advantages that the home team has, CSK fans are overconfident of their favourite team clinching the win. Pranav J, a software engineer, and die-hard CSK fan sarcastically mentions that for RCB, it could be a special match, but for CSK, it is like any other match they play. "I am a huge Dhoni fan. Last year he announced that he is going to play one more year for fans, leaving us wondering whether this will be his last IPL tournament," says Pranav.

Sound engineer Avinash Naidu agrees. "In Dhoni we trust. If he is there, there is no doubt we will win. Moreover, it's tradition for CSK to be in the playoffs. So they would have already strategised the whole thing," says Naidu. He further adds teasingly, "If not anything, we have full confidence in RCB's choking habit. You can pick any crucial match in the past...even if CSK does not perform well, RCB will make sure we win!"

GRUB HUB

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2. What traditional English dish is made from sheep's stomach stuffed with offal and oatmeal?
3. What is the Italian term for a pizza folded in half before cooking?

CITY READ

Tabletop game experience organised at Max Mueller Bhavan

The Goethe-Institut/Max Mueller Bhavan has organised an interactive tabletop game experience, Trust Me, It's a Forward! on May 25 at 11am and 4pm. This game, devised by KathaSiyah in collaboration with Studio Oleomingu, explores the challenges of navigating truth and misinformation in today's digital landscape. Entry is free for all with mandatory registration. Visit goethe.de for more details.

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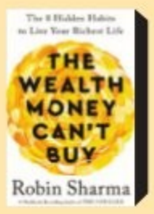

The Wealth Money Can't Buy
by Robin Sharma

In 'The Wealth Money Can't Buy', you will discover a life-altering system that will help you lead your richest life before it's too late. You will learn a framework based on the eight hidden habits used by authentically rich people and gain a methodology to master your destiny.

The Familiar
by Leigh Bardugo

The book follows a girl named Alexa who discovers her ability to see ghosts. As she delves deeper into this newfound power, she uncovers dark secrets about her family and the town she lives in.

A Tempest of Tea
by Hafsah Faizal

Arthie Casimir is a criminal mastermind and collector of secrets. Her tearoom transforms into an illegal bloodhouse by night, catering to the vampires feared by society. But when her establishment is threatened, she is forced to strike an unlikely deal, finding herself in the midst of a conspiracy.

Kadhal Mazhalai Aval Manavalan
by Sangeetha Raja

The plot revolves around the love story of a married couple who have an age gap. The non-aggressive hero overcomes the initially aggressive heroine, making her feel a tender sense of love.

ARTISTIC DISPLAY

Rashmi Gowda, an actor and model, checks out different handlooms at Artisans Bazaar at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

ZARA HATKE ZARA BACHKE (Hindi)

The movie follows a couple who wants a house of their own away from their family. They use the Indian Government's flagship program Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) to obtain it.

Cast: Vicky Kaushal, Sara Ali Khan, Inaamulhaq

- **Watch on:** JioCinema

FAMILY STAR (Telugu)

Govardhan, a devoted architect from Hyderabad, juggles supporting his extended family while seeking a partner who understands his commitments. When he discovers Aadhya's thesis on his family, he challenges her, leading to unexpected twists.

Cast: Vijay Deverakonda, Mrunal Thakur, Divyansha Kaushik

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

BRIDGERTON (English, series)

Penelope has decided that it's time to take a husband, after giving up on her long-held crush on Colin, hearing his negative words about her. However, Pen's lack of confidence means she struggles to make a match.

Cast: Nicola Coughlan, Luke Newton, Julie Andrews

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix:	₹ 199/month
Prime Video:	₹ 299/month
Jio Cinema:	₹ 999/year
Disney+ Hotstar:	₹ 899/year
Zee5:	₹ 699/year
Viki Rakuten:	₹ 299/month
Aha:	₹ 699/year
SonyLIV:	₹ 299/month

FITBIT

SAVASANA VARIATION BOLSTER

(CORPSE POSE VARIATION BOLSTER)

This Corpse Pose Variation Bolster below the legs is a restorative yoga pose. As part of the series of the basic Savasana (Corpse Pose), the variation to this is by placing a bolster below the lower thighs, just below the knee. Savasana is a key component of practice in almost every yoga tradition and is commonly used at the end of a sequence for relaxation and integration. Using different forms of support for the various parts of the body, the practice of yoga poses has now easy and accessible to people of all ages. Corpse Pose Variation Bolster uses props to make the pose accessible and easier for students who may not have the needed flexibility or balance to do the same pose.

STEPS

- At the end of a yoga sequence, a relaxation posture helps in healing the overstretched muscles and keeping the balance of the body by cooling it.
- Therefore, after the Ananda Balasana pose, stretch the legs out.
- Following this, support the thighs by placing a pillow below it.
- Stretch the arms out on the floor away from the body.
- Enter the Savasana pose, with your eyes closed.
- Remain in this position for about 24 breaths while watching the flow of the breath at the tips of the nostrils.
- Calm down the body slowly.
- Ensure that your breathing pattern is slow and smooth.
- Finally, relax and bring the body to room temperature.

LIMITATIONS

- Students who are advised not to lay on their back should avoid this pose.
- Those who are suffering from severe acidity may be hurt by lying on their back because the food pipe may displease the body system.
- Savasana may not be suitable for women in the later stages of pregnancy, in which case lying on the left side with a pillow between the knees is a recommended alternative at the end of an asana practice.

BENEFITS

- As resting your back on the floor could lead to lower back pain or lower back stiffness, a slight lift or support to the lower back with the raised knee is a good option.
- The knee, when raised, allows one to feel more comfortable while laying on the back. It helps focus on going deeper into the posture.
- The pose can aid in loosening tight hamstrings.
- Savasana Variation Bolster helps in relaxing the base of the spine.
- This restorative pose also helps in relaxing the muscles.
- Helps in building confidence and accepting the body and self.
- With this variation, meditative practices can be done to elevate the practitioner to the next level of yoga practise.
- The pose aids in reducing symtoms of insomnia. When you practise Corpse Pose Variation Bolster before going to bed, it encourages good sleep.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

QUICKFIX

WATERMELON LEMONADE COOLER

Contributed by **Mounica**, Hyderabad

INGREDIENTS

- **Watermelon:** 1/2 (cut in cubes)
- **Lemon juice:** 1/2 cup
- **Cumin powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Black salt:** 1/2 tsp
- **Mint leaves:** 2-3 stance
- **Ice cubes:** 1 cup

METHOD

- Add watermelon cubes, lemon juice, ice cubes, black salt, cumin powder and mint leaves to a blender.
- Blend well.
- Transfer to a glass and enjoy your chilled watermelon lemonade cooler.

EXPRESS CONNECT

HAVE A RECIPE OR ART WORK TO SHARE, OR A QUESTION TO ASK?

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Into the hills

Escape the city's bustle and join an early morning bike ride to Nandi Hills. Breakfast and travelling expenses included in the package

WHEN: May 19, 5am
WHERE: Pick Up Point- Marathahalli
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Max Mobility

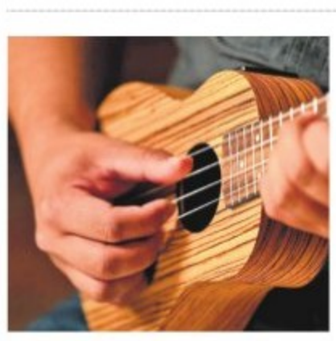
This body mobility training workshop for movers & trainers will help engage your body in ways that increase mobility and range of motion resulting in a stronger body that is less prone to injuries.

WHEN: May 19, 5pm
WHERE: Flux, HAL 2nd Stage
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Unleashing Talent

An event where improvisation, creativity and spontaneous acting collide. Unleash your inner actor at this improv role play.

WHEN: May 19, 4pm
WHERE: SmallWorld, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



String Therapy

From the basics of learning the ukulele to strumming hits like *Baarishein* and *Alag Aasmaan*, this workshop takes you to the world of Anuv Jain's music through the strings of a ukulele.

WHEN: May 19, 3.30pm
WHERE: My School of Rock, Adugodi
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

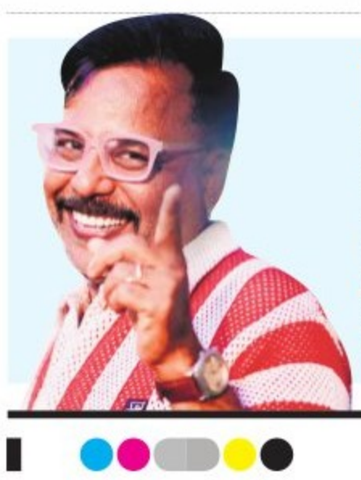
Magic Masters

An Evening of Magic – Nakul Shenoy & Friends combines magic acts and performances by internationally-acclaimed mentalist Nakul Shenoy along with other eminent magicians. **WHEN:** May 19, 6pm
WHERE: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Curtains Up

Anavarata is a musical dance drama about an artiste and his art's innermost desires and emotions in different stages of his journey in life.

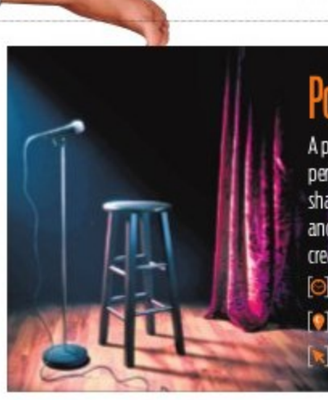
WHEN: May 19, 7pm
WHERE: Ravindra Kalakshetra, Sampangi Rama Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Laughter Riot

Experience a live mimicry performance and laughter along with jokes and impressions by standup comedian and actor **Badava Gopi**.

WHEN: May 19, 7pm
WHERE: Medai- The Stage Bengaluru, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Poetic Passion

A poetry mic event for listening, reading and performing poems or short stories. Join in to share your writing with like-minded people and become part of a community that aims to create a safe space for the writers.

WHEN: May 19, 7.30pm
WHERE: Dialogues Cafe, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

ARTCORNER

CREMATED ON A BED OF SANDAL

Artist Balaji Ponna's work depicts a hypocritical society where corrupt leaders manipulate the masses. During their funerals, the leaders are burnt with sandalwood, while the gullible masses worship this fragrance

Unpacking the tiffin box

In her latest release, B'luru-based digital creator Archana Doshi offers simple solutions for a well balanced lunch box for kids

MEGHANA SREE R

WHEN we think of our school-going days, our memories are invariably linked to the eager anticipation of lunch breaks and the routine of opening everyone's tiffin boxes to see who has brought what. However, it's not always easy preparing tiffin that pleases all; while health-conscious parents pack nutritious vegetables or fruits, a child might want something more attractive, or they might crave 'junk' food.

A blend of this need for nutrition and a playful element that will excite children is precisely what *Tasty Tiffin*, the latest book by digital creator and founder of Archana's Kitchen, **Archana Doshi**, offers.

Sharing the fundamentals of home cooking the book is addressed to parents who look to keep their children not only well-fed, but also happy. Regarding the inspiration behind her book, Doshi says, "It stemmed from a personal journey of navigating the challenges of providing nutritious and appealing school lunches for my children. I recognised the need for a comprehensive resource that not only offered practical solutions but also celebrated the joy of cooking."

Curating recipes

This book is a source of over 40 recipes and is effective in the simple presentation of lunch plans. Speaking on the process of compiling these recipes, Doshi shares, "Curating the recipes was a labour of love that drew upon many influences, including my childhood memories of school lunch boxes. I vividly recall the excitement of opening my tiffin and those fond experiences served as a guide throughout the recipe development process. The process of writing *Tasty Tiffin* spanned several months."

Doshi insists that the book is appealing to all parents. "The decision to publish *Tasty Tiffin* at this moment was driven by a desire to empower parents with a diverse array of delicious and healthy lunch box ideas, especially amid growing concerns about childhood nutrition and the prevalence of processed foods," she says, adding, "*Tasty Tiffin* addresses this need with creative lunch box ideas that cater to modern tastes and lifestyles." As she wrote the book with busy parents in mind, her recipes have simple instructions, accessible ingredients, time-saving tips, and make-ahead options. "Each recipe is crafted to be approachable and achievable, even for those with limited time," she notes.

Doshi understands that preparing the perfect lunch box does not always have to involve trendy practices. She says, "The presentation of food plays a crucial role in packing lunch boxes, however, that should not be a single factor in planning them."

With such tips, Doshi's book focuses on efficient food arrangement and the introduction of new flavours and colours in meals, rather than time-consuming lunch plans. This practicality extends to the ingredients specified in every recipe too.

Nutrition in focus

Two other criteria that *Tasty Tiffin* endeavours to fulfil are those of suitability for children and nutrition. Doshi asserts, "Every recipe has to be kid-friendly, with flavours and textures that appeal to young palates. Each dish has to be nutritionally balanced, supporting children's growth and development."

Listing her personal favourites from her book, the mother of two says, "The cheesy spinach and corn quesadillas and the mini vegetable idlis, served with a side of tangy chutney, are always loved. However, perhaps the ultimate crowd-pleaser is the peanut butter and banana sandwiches, a playful yet nutritious snack."

Packed with photographs, easy-to-follow steps, and a multitude of recipes that combine different food preferences, Doshi has formulated an all-in-one guide to happy and healthy children. She concludes, "By infusing my personal touch into each dish, I aim to create a collection that resonates with families across generations and cuisine preferences, mixing and matching cuisines that give new life to dishes and paving the way for new culinary adventures."

RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti
Writer, actor and funny girl

SOARING HIGH

MOTHER'S Day came and went (thankfully) without much hoopla this time. It was touching to see the Gen-Z children concentrate more on their parent (sometimes even a father) and less on the gobble-de-gook that the Archie's card franchise doles out. This generation of kids is dealing with a new phenomenon. 'Stay-at-home' dads or fathers who work from home if the mom is working too. My daughter and her hubby, follow this hybrid model of if one goes to the office, the other works from home, giving their child the security of having one parent home at all times. If their schedules overlap because of travel, the very well-trained 'nanny' fills in the blanks.

We had a very spirited podcast with a mixed group of older mothers and the younger ones, and it was very apparent that the new mothers (thankfully) also put themselves first! It was a warm and intimate exchange of ideas and of a newer way to raise children. The discussion was a compassionate sharing where each group understood the pressures that they had to deal with. But, one thing was clear…as grandmoms, we couldn't mess with Gen-Z's 'Mary Poppinsesque' nannies, as they were an integral aid to the young parent's family dynamics!

Ananya Somani, Lygia Correia, Tanvi Mehta

I spent Mothers' Day with my son at The Four Seasons Hotel sipping champagne, listening to music watching some artists at work and partaking on a fabulous oyster brunch! We met up with other friends, some mothers, some not but all of them with that special something that makes one 'like a mother'…the hormone estrogen!

Rain in namma ooru played hide and seek, flooding some areas and leaving some bone-dry. But the temperatures did plummet and for the first time after ages I slept without the air-conditioner. I remember the days when I used to service the air-conditioners only because dust had settled in their vents as we barely used them! Now I balk at the astronomical bills I have to pay to remain cool! So, it was with a sense of trepidation that I accepted good friend, Tammy Ben-Haim, Consul-General of Israel's, invitation to celebrate their Independence Day by the pool-side at JW Marriott. Luckily it wasn't a very balmy evening and the space was large enough to accommodate the large turnout of guests and dignitaries that attended.

Madhav Sehgal and Puneet Dhawan

Puneet Dhawan, head honcho of Accor Group of Hotels, has been a dear friend for many years now. We have kept in touch and tried to meet ever so often throughout his whirlwind career which would have him globe-trotting at the speed of light! We were pleasantly surprised to hear from him out of the blue where he wanted to catch up for dinner on his 'one-night-only' stopover in Bengaluru. Over dinner at Bastian (the newest uber-chic restaurant in town), he broke the news that he was now 'Asia-Head' for a large conglomerate, Minor Hotels which had a portfolio of over 150 hotels under its umbrella! There was non-stop celebration after that, as we were so chuffed at this one-time 'Bangalore-boy's' achievements. We landed up at the exclusive speakeasy ZLB, at The Leela Palace where the party continued till the wee hours.

There is truth in the fact that its aptitude, not attitude that determines ones altitude.

(The writer's views are personal)

NUGGETS

Seasonal fruits take centre stage in new menu

Lazy Suzy, Indiranagar, is offering a special summer dessert menu featuring fresh, seasonal fruits. The menu includes chilled mango and milk chocolate cheesecake, fresh strawberry panna cotta with a strawberry, lime and chilli sauce, New York cheesecake with mango slices and strawberry mint salsa, along with a refreshing kaffir lime and fresh mango mousseline. Price range of the menu starts from ₹350. Call 080-25272737 for reservations.

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CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIJAYDEVI PRAKASHCHAND** Age 55- (W/O- Prakashchand) R/O No.164, 4th floor, 5th Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018 have changed my name to **VIJAYA DEVI** vide affidavit sworn before Mamatha N.K., B.A.LLB., **Notary, Bangalore on 16-5-24**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MEGHANA**, W/o Rakshith Ravi Kale, R/o No.214, Prachodayath Bells, S-101, 1st cross, Behind Kanva Sri Sai Hospital, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar Nandini Layout, Bangalore - 560096 have permanently changed my name from **MEGHANA** to **MEGHANA RAKSHITH KALE**, vide affidavit dated 16/05/2024, sworn before Notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **MAHESWARI RANI NANDI** is legally wedded spouse of No. 7048065, Rank: EX-HAV, Name: **SATYA RAO NANDI**, permanent resident of South 206, Satya Greens Apartment, Thindlu, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560097, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **MAHESWARI RANI NANDI** and **UMA NANDI** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **UMA NANDI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17/05/2024 sworn before Advocate and Notary **DIWAKAR .N KAGAWAD** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DAMANN JAIN,** S/o Dinesh Kumar Jain R/at F 502 Magadi road, ETA the Garden, Bangalore-560023. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DAMAN JAIN** (Old name) to **DAMANN JAIN** (New name) henceforth I shall be known and called as **DAMANN JAIN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th May 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA .K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ASHOKA SHETTY,** aged 33 years, S/o. **Annappa Shetty,** residing of No. 1/107 A, Alagadde, Heroor, Byndoor, Ragihaklu, Kundapura, Udupi-576224, have changed my name from **ASHOKA** to **ASHOKA SHETTY** vide affidavit dated 16-05-2024 sworn before Notary **H.S. SAKALESH ARADHYA**, BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **B S PARAMESWARA** aged about 56 years S/o **Surendra B.N,** R/at No.44, Sahyadhri Nilaya, 10th Cross, 11th Main, Ullal Main Road, Jnanabharathi Bangalore- 560056 have changed my name to **PARAMESHWARA B S** vide affidavit dated: 3/1/2024 before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mrs. SREELATHA PRAKASH**, W/o T.A.Prakashan, R/at No.401, Maanya Mansion, Near Kanshiramnagar Bus Stop, Heasaraghatta Main Road, Vaderahalli, Vidyaranyapura Post Bangalore - 560097, hereby declare that as per Aadhar Card, Pan Card and Bank Passbook my name is **SREELATHA PRAKASH** and in my SSLC Mark's Card my name is mentioned as **SREELATHA.K.P** both the names belongs to me only henceforth my name will be **SREELATHA PRAKASH** in all my records and correspondence. Vide affidavit dated 17.05.2024 sworn to before Notary **R.Ramesh**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DEBMALYA CHAKRABARTY** S/o Amal Chakraborty, R/o No.702 A-Block,7th Floor, Elegant Whispering Wind, 4th T Block, BSK 6th Stage Nage Gowdanapalya Bangalore - 560062, have permanently changed my name from **DEBMALYA CHAKRABARTY** to **DEBMALYA CHAKRABORTY**, vide affidavit dated 16/05/2024, sworn before Notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PHILIP ALEXANDER KALLUPURACKAL PUTHOOPARAMPIL**, residing at #157, "The Philips", Doctors Layout, 1st Main, Near Central Jail, Naganathapura, Electronics City, Bengaluru 560100, Aadhaar: 3649 6267 1031, Passport #Z4298209, have changed my name to **PHILIP ALEXANDER KALUPURAKAL PUTHUPARABIL**, vide Affidavit Dated: 17/05/2024, sworn before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MADHU KUMARI P** ALIAS **MADHU KUMARI,** W/o V Pavan Kumar Jain, R/at #4/1, Vimal Villa, 2nd Floor, 10th Cross, Karmachand Layout, Lingarajapuram, Bengaluru-560084, have changed my name to **MADHU JAIN**, vide affidavit dated:17.05.2024, before Notary **Gangaraju B.N**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, EX.JC No 276461F, Rank: Sub(Hony.Ltd), **ANBAZHAGAN.M** aged about 50 years, residing at No.163/e, Kathihalli, Maruthinagar, Kathihalli, Maruthinagar, Opp. New Water Tank, BEML Post, KGF-563115 have changed my daughter name from **A. RUKSHINI** to **RUKSHINI.A** vide Affidavit dated 15/05/2024 before Notary **N. Kanchivaradaraju** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Smt. Kavita, W/o No 8030135N Ex-Naik C G Karumbaiah, residing of # 33/A, 14th Main Road, AGS Layout, Arehalli, Post - Subramanyapura, Bengaluru, Dist - Bengaluru, State-Karnataka have changed my name from **Kavita** to **Kavitha C K**, vide Affidavit dated 15/05/2024 before **N Kanchivaradaraju**, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **APARNA DEVABHAKTUNI,** D/o Nageswara Prasad Devabhaktuni, aged about 46 years, R/at No.438, 14th B Cross, 2nd Stage, 2nd Phase, West of Chord Road, Mahalakshmipuram Layout, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560086.
I have changed my name from **"SASIKALA BHAGAM"** to **"APARNA DEVABHAKTUNI"** affidavit sworn before Notary **Neha Baddi** Dated: **16-05-2024** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **MAKAM SATYAMURTHY JAYAPRAKASH,** S/o Late M.A. Satyamurthy, R/at Flat No. 3A, 1534/F, 2nd 'A' Cross, JP Nagar, 2nd Phase, Bangalore-560 078 do hereby declare that my son's correct name is **VISHNU SATYAPRAKASH MAKAM,** but in his school Marks Card and Pass Certificate, his name has been wrongly entered as **VISHNU SATHYAPRAKASH MAKAM** instead of **VISHNU SATYAPRAKASH MAKAM,** vide affidavit dated 17-5-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **LAKSHMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHANDHINI KALLETI,** R/o # 205, SBB Royal Apartment, 4th Cross, Coconut Garden Layout, Kodigehalli Main Road, Ayyappa Nagar, K.R. Puram, Bangalore-560 036 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHANDHINI NINDRA** to **CHANDHINI KALLETI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **CHANDHINI KALLETI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 15-05-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **A. ANIL KUMAR** S/o S. Anjinappa, aged about 42 years, R/at No.133, 2nd Cross, 16th Main, J.C. Nagar, Mahalakshmipuram Layout, Bengaluru - 560 086, have changed my daughter's name from **MANVI.A.** (old name) to **RIYANSHI ANVI.A** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24-11-2023 sworn before Notary G. Dayananda, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, EX.JC No 276461F, Rank: Sub(Hony.Ltd), **ANBAZHAGAN.M** aged about 50 years, residing at No.163/e, Kathihalli, Maruthinagar, Kathihalli, Maruthinagar, Opp. New Water Tank, BEML Post, KGF-563115 have changed my son name from **A. RAKSHAN to RAKSHAN.A** vide Affidavit dated 15/05/2024 before Notary **N. Kanchivaradaraju** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KEVIN SURESH,** R/a No.10, Maya Bazaar, 2nd Battery Pension Line, Vivek Nagar, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560047, have changed my name from **KEVIN SURESH** to **SURESH.B**, vide affidavit dt. 17/05/2024 before Notary **C.V.Earappa,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRAKRUTHI NADIG P**, D/o Pavan Kumar Nadig, R/o #807, Flat #202 Aksahaya Sirius, 8th Main, 5th Block Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore - 560097 have changed my name from **PRAKRUTHI NADIG** to **PRAKRUTHI NADIG P.** Henceforth, I shall be known and called as **PRAKRUTHI NADIG P** only, vide affidavit dated 17/05/2024, sworn before notary C N Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **MANJULA JAMBANA GOUDAR**, W/o Mr. Shivakumar Gouda J., age 58 years, ARMY NO 14245262H, permanent R/o No. 64, MIG-B, Block-22, 249-S, 4th Cross, 5th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru-560 064 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **MANJULA D/O PALAXAPPA BALLARY, MANJULA PALAXAPPA BALLARY** and **MANJULA JAMBANNA GOUNDAR W/o Shiva Kumar Gouda J** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 17th May 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AROCKIA MARY,** legally wedded No.13984529Y, Rank: Ex NK (T.S) **LOUIS SELVARAJ A** spouse of, Army presently residing at No. 568, 1st Cross, Giddappa Layout, Kammanahalli, PO St. Thomas Town, Bangalore-560084, have changed my name from **AROCKIA MARY** to **AROKIAMARY**, vide affidavit dated: 16.05.2024, before Notary **S. SAMUEL SOLOMON,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANJUM AARA SARAWAD** legally wedded spouse of, Army No. 14640487P, Rank: Ex HAV NISAR AHAMMAD SARAWAD, presently residing at No. 1249, Ward No. 10, Near Railway Station, Bagalkot, Karnataka, 587102, have changed my name from **ANJUM AARA SARAWAD** to **ANJUM N SARAWAD,** vide affidavit dated: 17.05.2024, before Notary **S.Samuel Solomon,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NISHA N RAO** aged about 53 Years W/o **Babu Rao M** R/at No.11, 13th Cross, Pipeline, Near Tejas Nursing Home, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560023 have changed my name to **NISHA B RAO** vide affidavit dated: 17/5/2024 Before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIJAYA CHAKRAPANI,** aged 60 years, D/o. **Chakrapani N.** residing of No. 2420/B, 1st Main, R P C Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040, have changed my name from **C.VIJAYAKUMARI** to **VIJAYA CHAKRAPANI** vide affidavit dated 17-05-2024 sworn before Notary **H.S. SAKALESH ARADHYA,** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SESHINARAYANA** D/o Lakshman Kattubadi, R/o No. 688, Patel Nagar, 3rd Cross, Ward No 3, Hosapete, Ballari - 583201 have permanently changed my name from **SESHINARAYANA** to **SHASHI NARAYANA KATTUBADI**, vide affidavit dated 16/05/2024, sworn before Notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ADVIK KANNA,** S/o Late D. Kannan, age 18 years, r/at No. 91, C3, 3rd Floor, Devasahayam Golden Symphony, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai-600 031 and presently camping at 34/35, Ground Floor, 6th Cross, 2nd Main, Balajinagar, S.G. Palya, DRC Post, Bangalore-560 029 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRAGHALAATHAN KANNAN / PRAGHALAATHAN .K** to **ADVIK KANNAN,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ADVIK KANNAN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17th May 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.R. SHASHIKALA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHIKKATHIMMAIAH,** S/o late Venkatappa alias Venkateshamaiah, aged about 61 years, R/at No.113, Janatha colony, Railway Nildana, Nayanadahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560039. do hereby declare that I have changed my father name only same person from **VENKATAPPA** and **VENKATASHAMAIH**, henceforth he shall be known and called as **VENKATASHAMAIH,** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16/5/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ONKARAPPA .N.R** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, EX.JC No 276461F, Rank: Sub (Hony.Ltd), **ANBAZHAGAN .M,** S/o Muniswamy, aged about 50 years, residing at No.163/e, Kathihalli, Maruthinagar, Kathihalli, Maruthinagar, Opp. New Water Tank, BEML Post, KGF-563115 have changed my wife name from B. **KOMATHY to KOMATHY.B** vide Affidavit dated 15/05/2024 before Notary **N. Kanchivaradaraju** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MOHAMED SHERIEF RATI, S/o Rafi Khaliq Abdul, aged about 46 years, R/at # 41/42, 17th Main, Vinayaka Nagar, JP Nagar, 5th Phase, Bengaluru-560078 have changed my name to **MOHAMMED SHARIFF RAFI** vide affidavit dt. 15/05/2024 before Notary **S.I. BALAGURU,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MONIKA GAJANAN DHOK**, Date of Birth : 24.06.1991, D/o. Mr. Gajanan Dhok & Mrs. Priyanka, Presently residing at Flat No. E-1219, Amber-Block, Brigade Lakefront, Seetharamapalya Road, Hoodi, Whitefiled Post, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MONIKA** to **MONIKA GAJANAN DHOK**, vide affidavit dated 16.05.2024, sworn to before K.V. Jagannath Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BHUMIKA .V**, D/o Velu M, aged about 10 years, residing at No.46, Munigowda Road, R.S. Palya, Kammanahalli Main Road, Bangalore North, Bangalore Karnataka-560033, since a minor represented by her mother and natural guardian, namely **JAYALAKSHMI KANNAN** has changed her name from **BUMIKA S** to **BHUMIKA .V** for all family, legal and official purposes vide Affidavit dated 8th May 2024, sworn before the notary, Chandrashekhar, Bangalore City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Basavaraju N.L,** son of N.G. Lakshmanappa, aged about 42 years, Residing at; No.1211/A, 4th Main, 4th Cross, 4th Stage, BTM layout, Bangalore-560076, I have Changed my Name from **"Basavaraju N.L"** to **VINAY KUMAR SHETTY** Vide affidavit dated: 15/09/2021 and I hereby authorise and request all persons to designate and address me by such assumed name **"VINAY KUMAR SHETTY".** Sworn before Notary, PN. Nagesha, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mrs. KANAKALAKSHMI MADDURI,** W/o. SRIHARSHA P S, resident of No. 35, Shree Maalasaa, 4th Cross, Near Kanishka Diagnostics, Gaurav Nagar, J P Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore-560078, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **KRISHNA SUCHIR RAO** to **KRISHNA SUCHIR AATHREYA,** vide affidavit dated 17.05.2024, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MARIA DEIVA NATCHIAR C** D/o CHINNAPPAN resident at No.6144, 14TH FLOOR, WING 6 SANTORINI-2 SOBHA CITY THANISANDRA MAIN ROAD, R K HEGDE NAGAR, BANGALORE:-560077, have changed my name from **MARIA DEIVA NATCHIAR C** to **MARIA DEIVA NATCHIAR CHINNAPPAN,** vide affidavit dated 17/5/2024 sworn to before G.R.Ravichandra Reddy advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mrs. KANAKALAKSHMI MADDURI,** W/o. SRIHARSHA P S, resident of No. 35, Shree Maalasaa, 4th Cross, Near Kanishka Diagnostics, Gaurav Nagar, J P Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore-560078, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **MAHATHI SRIHARSHA RAO** to **MAHATHI AATHREYA,** vide affidavit dated 17.05.2024, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ABDUL KAREEM** S/o. Abdul Gaffar, residing at No. 53, 2nd Floor, 4th A Cross, Brindavan Layout, Vijinapura, Dooravaninagar, Bengaluru - 560 016, have changed my name from **ABDUL KAREEM ABDUL GAFFAR** to **ABDUL KAREEM,** vide affidavit dated 16/5/2024 sworn to before Fahim Unnisa advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) ADITYA KUMAR SHRISHAIL TELI** residing at Murgoud Plot Near Desai Circle JAMKHANDI Dt: BAGALKOT (Karnataka), have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ADITYA KUMAR SHRISHAIL TELI** to **(NEW NAME) ADITYA SHRISHAIL TELI** vide affidavit dated 17.05.2024 sworn before Notary Sivakumara M.N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VAGHASIYA MANISHABEN MANAJIBHAI @ MANISHA BHARAT BALAR,** W/o. Balar Bharat Dharamshibhai, Aged about 35 years, Residing at B-207, SSVR Urban Flora, Immadihalli Main Road, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560 066, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VAGHASIYA MANISHABEN MANAJIBHAI** to **MANISHA BHARAT BALAR** vide affidavit dated 13.05.2024 sworn to before B. Chitra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **URVASHI BANERJI**, D/o Sanjeet Banerji, R/at Villa No.100, Pushpam Woods, Thindlu Mattanahalli Road, Gudigattanahalli, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore - 562125, hereby declare that as per my documents my name is **URVASHI BANERJI** and in my Passport my name is mentioned as **URVASHI SANJEET BANERJI**. Both the names belongs to me only henceforth my name will be **URVASHI BANERJI** in all my records and correspondence. Vide affidavit dated 16.05.2024 sworn to before Notary **Roopa.G.Bhandare**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PARVATHI KALLAPPA PATIL** (New name) W/o. Kallappa Patil aged about 63 years R/a 4th Cross, 7th Main Road Bangalore North, Bangalore-560040. In my Aadhar card, Pan card & Bank records my name is mentioned as **Parvathi Kallappa Patil** & In MetLife Insurance mentioned as **Parvathi Bai Patil.** Above both names one and the same that belongs to me only. In future for all official purposes my name will be **PARVATHI KALLAPPA PATIL** only vide affidavit dt 17.05.2024 Sworn before Notary and Advocate Deepa M. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt. Swetha M. Galagali** W/o. Madhvacharya Galagali, aged 40 years, R/at No.319, 1 St Floor, 1 st N Block, 19 th E Main, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010, do hereby changed my minor Daughter's Name from **Manasvi Madhvacharya Galagali** to **MANASVI GALAGALI** for all purposes Vide Affidavit Dated 06.06.2023 Sworn before Advocate and Notary I. e., Onkarappa N. R, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Anjana Jagadale** W/o Dhanaraj Jagadale, aged about 40 years, residing at No. 215, 1st B Main Road, 407 SFS, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore - 560 064 have changed my name from **ANJANA DHANARAJ** (old name) to **'ANJANA JAGADALE'** (new name) vide affidavit dated 01.03.2024 before Notary R. Ravikumar, Advocate & Notary, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 040.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **RESHMA .R,** W/o Rao Saheb, D/o Balu, aged about 41 years, R/at No.42, Near Godwin School, AMCO layout, bangalore North, Bangalore-560092 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **RESHMA .R, RESHMA BALU KAMBLE, KAMBLE RESHMA BALU** and **RESHAMA .R** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **RESHMA .R** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 07th May 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N.K. LAKSHMANA** at Bangalore.

'HAPPINESS OVERLOADED TO BE WORKING ALONGSIDE DARSHAN IN *DEVIL*'

Rachana Rai

...says Rachana Rai, who has landed a big-ticket film alongside the Challenging Star in Prakash Veer's directorial

A SHARADHAA

RACHANA Rai, who started her career in Tulu cinema with the blockbuster *Circus* that set an all-time record, has now stepped into Kannada cinema with films like *Sri Ranga*, as well as the yet-to-be-released *Happy Birthday To Me, Bhuvanam Gaganam*, and *Ashoka Blade*. This young actor can't contain her excitement and is over the moon to have bagged a big-ticket role, starring alongside Challenging Star Darshan, in the upcoming Prakash Veer directorial Devil - The Hero. "I am currently overloaded with happiness, and congratulatory messages are pouring in from all corners. My Instagram handle can't take it," she reacts.

Apparently, Rachana Rai's name had been circulating since the team started making casting choices. After much thought, the production house made an official confirmation on Friday. "I almost manifested being part of this project and am glad to be gifted with this opportunity," says Rachana Rai. She adds that she couldn't believe it and considered it a prank at first. "But then director Prakash Veer had me do an audition, and months later, I got a confirmation just a couple of days ago," she says.

How big is it for Rachana Rai to be part of Devil and star alongside Darshan? "I cannot put it into words. I am ever grateful to Darshan Sir for this opportunity. A girl from no where, I was chosen based on my talent by director Prakash Veer and his wife Thashwini. They have given a step ahead for my cinema career. I am not big enough to talk about Darshan, but I didn't imagine working alongside him. Moreover, a superstar encouraging a new Kannada actor is something great."

The makers have resumed their second schedule for the film, and Darshan, currently recovering from a hand injury, will join the set soon. Rachana Rai, meanwhile, will begin shooting shortly. The film will also feature Bollywood actor Mahesh Manjrekar in the lead cast. Produced under Shri Jaimatha Combines / Vaishno Studios banner, Devil has Ajaneesh Loknath and Sudhakar S Raj as its music director and cinematographer, respectively.

'Being busy has not been a problem, but getting good roles has been'

...says dancer and multilingual actor Lakshmi Gopalaswamy as she talks about her return with Gururaj Kulkarni's The Judgement

CE FEATURES

LAKSHMI Gopalaswamy, the dancer and actor who has been juggling across languages, made her last appearance in Kannada cinema with the film *Raymo*. Now, she marks her return to Kannada cinema with *The Judgement*. Balancing her projects in Malayalam and Telugu cinema, Lakshmi faces the challenges of securing meaningful roles amidst a bustling schedule. "Being busy has not been a problem, but getting good roles has been," she admits, highlighting the perennial quest for quality projects.

In *The Judgement*, Lakshmi undergoes a transformation, trading her signature traditional sarees for the dignified attire of a lawyer. Sharing her initial uncertainities about the role, she says, "I felt I shouldn't look melodramatic. We've seen countless lawyer portrayals on screen. Striving for authenticity, I even sought guidance from director Gururaj Kulkarni, who described my character traits as forceful and persuasive, qualities I had to bring out through it."

Starring alongside Ravichandran, Lakshmi also savours the opportunity to challenge conventional gender dynamics in cinema. "I was happy to get a role equal to the hero," she remarks, underscoring the importance of portraying strong female characters. "The role's twists and turns offer a welcome departure and make my character more interesting," she adds.

Talking about her first time appearance alongside Ravichandran, Lakshmi recalls a shift in perspective over time. "Long ago, while in my late teens, somebody had asked me if I would like to work with Ravichandran, and I had said no mainly because I had a different perception when it came to the aesthetic of commercial films at that time," she says, while adding, "Now when I met him, it was very nice to work. He is jovial, frank, and puts you at ease. Even if you take 20 takes, he doesn't put unnecessary pressure on you. Everybody's chemistry was important, and the comfort level of working with co-actors only makes it better to pull out such roles."

Behind the scenes, director Gururaj Kulkarni's corporate background brings a refreshing approach to filmmaking, says Lakshmi. "Having worked in a corporate environment, the director brings a different level of planning. Despite the time pressures, his meticulous planning fosters a relaxed atmosphere on set, allowing creativity to flow," she concludes.

The Judgement also stars Diganth, Meghana Gaonkar, and Dhanya Ramkumar in prominent roles. The film has music by Anoop Seelin and cinematography by PKH Das. It is set to release on May 24.

Lakshmi Gopalaswamy

Aniruddha Jatkar's *Chef Chidambara* gets a release date

CE FEATURES

ANIRUDDHA Jatkar, who gained fame through the serial Jothe Jotheyali, is set to make his silver screen comeback after a five-year hiatus with *Chef Chidambara*. The film is scheduled for a statewide release on June 14, meaning it will clash with the Daali Dhananjaya starrer Kotee at the box office. It is interesting to see the actor in the role of a chef in this new venture. *Chef Chidambara* is directed by M Anandraj, who previously helmed the film Raaghu, and produced by Roopa DN under the Damti Pictures banner. The story and screenplay are penned by Anandraj himself, and the dialogues are by Ganesh Parashuram.

The film features cinematography by Uday Leela, music by Ritvik Muralidhar, editing by Vijeth Chandra, action direction by Narasimhamurthy, and choreography by Madhuri Parashuram. Joining Aniruddha in the film are actors Rachel David, known for her role in Love Mocktail 2, and Nidhi Subbaiah. The cast also includes Sharath Lohitashwa, KS Sridhar, Shivamani, and more.

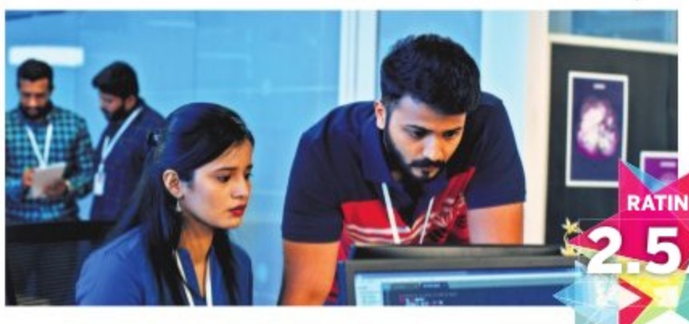
Behind every line of code lies a human story

SWITCH { CASE N
Director: Chethan shetty
Cast: Vijay Lalitha Surya, Shwetha Vijaykumar, Prithvi Raj, Vijay Siddaraj, and Karthik Vaibhav

A SHARADHAA

AS its title itself implies, debutant director Chethan Shetty's *Switch { case n:* is a film steeped in coding references that interestingly and cleverly merges software coding concepts with cinematic storytelling, making it particularly appealing to those fluent in languages such as C++ and Javascript. That being said, director Chethan, who himself is an IT professional, paints a vivid picture of IT life, drawing from the palette of personal experiences and making the film attractive to non-techies as well.

The film revolves around Siddharth (Vijay Lalitha Surya), an ordinary IT fellow with dreams of becoming a cricketer who hails from a middle-class family. He is an introverted youngster with ambitions. As he steps into the gleaming halls of his new IT company, replete with all the amenities one could dream of, Siddharth finds himself navigating the maze of office politics while being in pursuit of recognition. Chethan's film also explores the challenges of probation, the dynamics of office life, and the complexities of navigating on-site work, all while weaving in themes of friendship, power play, and relationships. Through Siddharth's journey, we witness the tug-of-war between his aspirations and the harsh realities of corporate life, worsened by his coworkers' scheming and the temptation of outside opportunities. In parallel, we see Siddharth's romantic entanglements, particularly his affection for Navya (Shwetha Vijaykumar), whose intentions blur the lines between genuine affection and opportunistic exploitation. As Siddharth tackles corporate reshuffling, he faces a stern test, revealing the harsh truths of career advancement in the competitive software engineering realm.



RATING 2.5/5

Chethan, in his debut, has tried to bring authenticity, offering a raw, unfiltered portrayal of IT life. Except for Vijay Lalitha Surya, Santosh Karki, and Raja Balawadi, who are known names, the film is filled with mostly newcomers (Prithviraj, Vijay Siddaraj, Karthik Vaibhav). *Switch { case n:* tries to decode the nuances of a hard-working employee's existence while also shedding light on the universal complexities of dreams and aspirations. In essence, *Switch { case n:* isn't merely a film; it's a symphony of bytes and pixels, meticulously connecting with the souls of IT aficionados and career-oriented individuals alike. It's a reminder that behind every line of code lies a human story, fraught with challenges, triumphs, and progress. For those fluent in the language of IT, *Switch { case n:* is a film worth not merely watched but rather deciphered. So, sit back and take on a journey through the binary, ambition, and its adversity.

Comedy adventure *Powder* set to hit theatres in July

The makers announced the release date along with a teaser of the film, directed by Janardhan Chikkanna, made in collaboration between KRG Studios and TVF

CE FEATURES

KRG Studios and TVF have teamed up for the comic entertainer *Powder*, which is set to release on July 14. Announced last August, *Powder* marks the first collaboration between KRG Studios and Arunabh Kumar and Vijay Subramaniam's TVF. It has already generated a certain curiosity with its title *Powder*. The newly released teaser hints at a hilarious adventure featuring a group of small-town youngsters with big dreams. Going by the teaser, *Powder* follows the misadventures of a band of down-on-their-luck youngsters who hatch a scheme to get rich quickly. However, their ambitious plans are constantly thwarted as they encounter a slew of enemies and frenemies along the way. Central to the chaos is a mysterious substance known as '*Powder*,' which is high in demand and value. Will they outsmart their adversaries? Will their dreams come true? And what is the true 'power' behind the *Powder*?

Directed by Janardhan Chikkanna, Powder stars Diganth Manchale, Dhanya Ramkumar, Sharmiela Mandre, and Rangyana Raghu. It is produced by Karthik Gowda and Yogi G Raj and presented by Vijay Kiragandur, as well as serves as producer TVF debut in Kannada cinema.

Sharing his excitement about the project, Karthik Gowda said, "Our goal is to tell rich, diverse stories that connect with young adults. *Powder* is our first collaboration, and we believe it stands as a testament to our commitment. We've drawn inspiration from iconic youth-oriented comedies like *Go, Goa, Gone, Delhi Belly,* and *Fukrey*. With *Powder*, we aim to deliver a laugh-out-loud entertainer for Kannada audiences and young adults everywhere. We look forward to bringing you more fresh and interesting stories in the future."

The story of the film is written by Deepak Venkateshian and dialogues are by Trilok Trivikram. It also has music by Vasuki Vaibhav and interestingly has a team of cinematographers handling the cinematography.